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KEEGAN BLASTS WHEATLEY



ROBBIE WHEATLEY, Blacktown City's sweeper and captain against Sydney Croatia yesterday.

BLACKTOWN CITY guest player Kevin Keegan blasted Demons sweeper Robbie Wheatley at half-time in last week's loss to Canberra City.

BY BRAD EARL

Keegan's advice.
In my opinion Wheatley, Blacktown's captain yesterday, was their outstanding field player in the 1-1 draw with Sydney Croatia. "It was constructive criticism and it definitely has helped my game," Wheatley said of his talk with Keegan.

"The word superstar is probably used far too loosely, but Kevin is a superstar in the

true sense of the word. "Not many people in his position would take the time to help young players."

Keegan played his second and final match for Blacktown Wheatley was right-back when Australia reached the Championship quarter-finals in 1981 here in Australia.

He moved to sweeper from right-back at the beginning of this season, but despite his good form in the NSL he has been overlooked for New South Wales and Australian selection.

DESPERATION AT OLYMPIC

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC, badly hit by a long list of injuries to key players, are desperate to dive into the transfer market for new signings.

Last Friday, Olympic approached St George for the services of veteran striker Dez Marton.

However, Olympic lost interest when the Saints asked for \$2,000 transfer fee plus a return ticket to Yugoslavia for Marton.

St George chairman Les Borda said: "If Olympic really want Marton, they may have to hurry as now Wollongong have made an offer for his services early last night."

Sydney Olympic president Jim Petinellis flew to Melbourne on Saturday morning in a bid to

sign up new players.

Petinellis' first target was Paul Lewis, Green Gully's 24-year-old English striker and scorer of five NSL goals this season.

However it is believed Lewis was asking too much to make a move to Sydney.

Yesterday the Olympic president contacted George Cross' 20-year-old striker Ossie Latif, but again had no success.

Last night, another name surfaced as an Olympic target.

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At Blacktown's special indoor training session at the Parklea complex on Wednesday, Keegan discussed the art of sweeping with Wheatley.

Yesterday, the 23-year-old former Australian Youth international showed he has benefitted from

CROATIA KNOCK OFF LEADERS

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

MELBOURNE CROATIA broke South Melbourne's unbeaten record in the championship with a stylish 2-1 win at Middle Park.

Their defeat caused South Melbourne to surrender the top spot in Southern Division to their conquerors, who have developed an unmatchable killer-instinct since the arrival of new coach Dom Kapetanovic.

The home team went into the game with a serious handicap. Key midfielders Kenny Murphy and Gary McDowell were unavailable for selection, the former serving a week's suspension and the latter carrying an injury from last week.

Croatia surprised their opponents with two quick goals in the opening minutes of the game, the first one coming from Jim Campbell, who placed in a through-ball by Gary Ward.

Thirty seconds later, Steve Gojevic blasted into the net a loose ball from 30 metres, thus shattering any confidence left in South Melbourne players.

Oscar Crino, once again at his best, scored a brilliant goal seven minutes before full-time, but failed to change the fate of his team because Croatia's defence stood majestic for the remainder of the game.

South Melbourne played with 10 men from the 66th minute when referee Bernie Upjohn sent captain John Yzendoorn off for using abusive language.

Meanwhile, Preston recovered some of the lost ground with a convincing 3-0 win over Brisbane City at Connor Reserve.

In spite of the absence of key defenders Ian Dobson and Robbie Dunn, the home team displayed tremendous fighting spirit and kept their opponents against the ropes for the duration of the game.

Steve Smith, back from injury, put Preston in the lead with a spectacular header and Gary Cole followed up with the second goal in the 69th minute.

George Gagic, substitute for Warren Spink, netted the third goal in the dying seconds of the game to complete Preston's morale-boosting win.

At Olympic Park, Brunswick Juventus added to the problems Heidelberg United's team have faced in recent weeks with a comfortable 2-0 win.

It was Heidelberg's second defeat in as many weeks and caused them to slip to fifth spot on the table

with little hope of re-surging to the top in the near future.

Ironically, it was former Heidelberg midfielder Mike Petersen who led Juventus to their remarkable win.

Petersen covered almost every blade of the playing field continuously prompting his team-mates to attack.

Paul Wade opened the scoring with a header after 26 minutes of a cross by Robert Cullen.

Improving midfielder Fabio Incantalupo secured Juventus' win in the 67th minute, placing the ball in the net after an unsuccessful attempt by George Christopoulos to clear the ball from his area.

On Saturday afternoon, Green Gully were held to a 1-1 draw by lowly-placed West Adelaide.

Gully lined up for the game without skipper Stuart Cannell, full-back Jim Murray and forward David Smallman.

ROUND 9:

ADELAIDE CITY 2 (Northcote 2) FOOTSCRAY 1 (Lujic) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 2,000.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Crino) MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Campbell, Gojevic) at Middle Park. Crowd: 6,000.

BRISBANE LIONS 1 (T. Redmond) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0 at Richlands. Crowd: 1,100.

PRESTON 3 (Smith, Cole, Gagic) BRISBANE CITY 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 1,000.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 2 (Wade, Incantalupo) HEIDELBERG UNITED 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 3,000.

GREEN GULLY 1 (Lucchesi) WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Denysog) at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 300.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melbourne Croatia	9	5	3	1	13	4	13
South Melbourne	9	5	3	1	15	10	13
Brunswick Juve	9	4	4	1	12	7	12
Brisbane Lions	9	4	3	2	7	5	11
Heidelberg	9	4	2	3	14	9	10
Preston	9	4	2	3	14	13	10
Brisbane City	9	3	2	4	11	12	8
Green Gully	9	2	4	3	10	11	8
Sunshine GC	9	2	4	3	6	8	8
West Adelaide	9	2	3	4	8	11	7
Adelaide City	9	1	4	4	11	18	6
Footscray	9	1	0	8	8	19	2

The home team went to the lead through Claude Lucchesi after 10 minutes but veteran midfielder Graham Honeyman levelled the score in the 23rd minute for the sides to remain deadlocked until the final whistle.

Last Sunday was the day the jeers turned to cheers for Adelaide City coach Edmund Kreft as his team stormed to a 2-1 win — the first of the season — over

Footscray at Olympic Sports Field.

At half-time, with the score 1-0 for Footscray, the home side was booed off the field, as it had been at the end of the game the previous week.

As it was, he and his players retained their dignity and amid applause walked off with two goals from midfielder Brian Northcote in the 53rd and 78th minutes, nullifying Zdravko Lujic's in the 36th minute.

LIONS SLAM DEFENSIVE SUNSHINE

BRISBANE LIONS 1 SUNSHINE GC 0

BRISBANE LIONS officials slammed Sunshine George Cross for killing the National League with negative defensive tactics after the Queensland side won 1-0 at Richlands.

BY GREG RUSSELL

With no Premier League matches being played in competition with the NSL game, Lions attracted their largest crowd of the season.

But Lions officials fear very few newcomers will return after the Sunshine display.

"It was a disgrace, they were content to just play the ball in their own defensive third. They had no interest in winning and just relied on the break," Lions coach Gordon Arrowsmith said.

But Sunshine coach John Gardiner rejected the criticism and defended his tactics.

"From the grandstand it might look like we are negative, but we know what we are doing. We play the ball across the park to get opposing players out of position then get our midfielders forward," he said.

Sunshine came to Brisbane without star forward Oddie Latif, who had a stomach muscle injury, and played with only two strikers.

But Lions could be as much to blame for the match not being a spectacle as were Sunshine.

Despite a glut of possession early in the first half, the Brisbane

sides continued to squander opportunities.

It took Lions 66 minutes before they finally broke through.

From a free-kick, after Danny Wright had been felled just outside the penalty box, Alan Niven neatly curled a shot which was touched by Sunshine keeper Lou Kastner onto the underside of the crossbar and rebounded out for Tony Redmond to head into the net.

Lions had another chance to score in the 84th minute when John Stewart wasted a breakaway, but Sunshine could easily have come away with a draw.

Several times Carl Gilder and Noel Mitten broke, only to be denied goals by brilliant saves from Lions keeper Wayne Evans and Sunshine claimed they were denied a penalty when Evans and Jeff Faulkner clashed on a breakaway.

But teams that don't attack deserve nothing, and that's what Sunshine got.

BRISBANE LIONS: Evans, Jackson, Hunter, T. Redmond, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, McDonagh (Daunt 72), Wright, P. Phillip.

SUNSHINE GC: Kastner, Campbell (James 75), Taylor, Bennett, Richardson, Faulkner, Istuk (Lennon 71), Mitten, Gilder, McLaren, Bain.

REFEREE: B. Monteverde.

CROWD: 1,132.

FRANKEN SHOWS CLASS

CANBERRA CITY 0 APIA LEICHHARDT 0

CANBERRA CITY drew with Apia Leichhardt 0-0 but Leichhardt did everything except score goals in a disappointing but never dreary game at Bruce Stadium.

BY KEN HEALEY

The disappointment stemmed only from the lack of goals. With goals, it might have been an absorbing 90 minutes.

Leichhardt was stronger and had the ability to keep up sustained pressure for several minutes at a time.

Tony Morsello's drive was headed off the line by John Mihailidis in the 21st minute.

Anthony Franken showed his class in the Canberra goal on the occasions that the ball got past sweeper Terry Byrne.

Leichhardt coach Fil Bottalico must regret leaving Vince Colagiuri on the bench for nearly a hour. The youngster was constantly on the spot.

As is often the case when teams of such contrasting styles meet, Canberra, with far less of the play, had more chances that should had been goals.

But Tom English left his direction-finding equipment at home, and bombed three chances that he would never normally miss.

Manis Lamond, after an exciting start, rarely came into the play.

The usually reliable Ian Gibson, replacing Hilton Phillips for Canberra after 64 minutes, did not take long to hook a shot wide from a couple of metres in front of an open goal.

Jason Dunn also lifted the ball over the top when he was unchallenged in front of the goal.

Yet an easy Canberra win would have been a travesty.

What was missing, apart from classy finishing at both ends, was creative midfield play from all but big Jim Hamilton. The Scot found his niche for the first time since joining Leichhardt.

Terry Butler for Leichhardt and Steve Bryant for Canberra had uncharacteristically quiet games, while Tom McCulloch was more effective in defence than in attack.

Yet the game might still have produced thrills if an early goal or two had been scored.

Canberra, undefeated away from home, continue to show their best form in Sydney, while Leichhardt look as though they might prove a yardstick for teams with aspirations.

Teams that beat Leichhardt will be finals material.

Man of the match: Leichhardt midfielder **JIM HAMILTON**, for the roving, attacking game that should have brought the best out of his strikers.

CANBERRA: Franken, Ontong, Mihailidis, Harkins, Byrne, Sermanni, Dunn, Bryant, Phillips (Gibson 64), Lamond, English (Farrell 87).

LEICHHARDT: Parks, Bertogna, Brown, Rowden, Mariani, Butler, Hamilton, McCulloch, Caban, de Ceglie, (Colagiuri 59), Morsello.

REFEREE: N. Murray.

CROWD: 1,378.

TODD NIPS IN FOR WINNER

NEWCASTLE 1 SYDNEY CITY 1

A TIMELY bit of poaching by Derek Todd gave Newcastle Rosebud United a morale-lifting 1-1 draw with title-chasers Sydney City at Adamstown.

BY NEIL JAMESON

Newcastle had been outplayed for most of the match but plugged on desperately until the 87th minute when skipper Joe Senkalski bent a 25 metre drive against the foot of the post and Todd pounced to convert the rebound.

City were minus John Kosmina, Murray Barnes and Paul Kay, but nonetheless started authoritatively enough to swamp United.

A mere five minutes had elapsed before Joe Watson slid a delicate free-kick on the left across the goal-mouth and Frank Farina arrived in a rush to head past Clint Gosling.

The speed of Farina, Grant Lee and Graeme Fletcher always had the Newcastle back-four under pressure.

Gerry Gomez,

One defence-splitting pass that travelled all of 50 metres to set Lee free on the left was alone worth the admission money.

Four minutes from half-time Darren Stewart indicated Newcastle were not out of the hunt by cutting in from the left and drilling a 25 metre shot just wide of the target.

City's speed to the ball and closing down ability constantly stifled Newcastle's build-up, and it took the odd extra bit of skill from Senkalski to give United forward momentum.

While Newcastle

boss Willie Gallagher praised his team for fighting right to the wire, City's Eddie Thomson reflected on "one that got away."

"Our back-four, particularly Rocky O'Connor, were outstanding," said Thomson. "We hardly gave them a chance."

But such is the nature of the game that one chance is often all that is required.

Man of the match: **GERRY GOMEZ**, the complete all-rounder who as Eddie Thomson said "does it all" from one end of the park to the other.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Boogaard, Owens, Thompson, McQuarrie, Senkalski, D. Jones, Todd, Stewart (Milosevic 54), Kerby.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Rodriguez (K. Falconer 37), O'Connor, Cant, Gomez, Watson, de Marigny, Farina, Fletcher, Lee, Robertson.

REFEREE: P. Rampley.

CROWD: 2,000.

ZARKO EARNNS VITAL POINT IN THRILLER

THE 14,220 spectators at Marconi Stadium were treated to one of the most competitive matches ever seen in the National League as Sydney Croatia came from behind to draw 1-1 with Blacktown City.

It was a thrilling match, particularly in the second half as Croatia searched for, and eventually earned, the equaliser.

That goal, scored by Zarko Odzakov, heralded a final 10 minute period in which either side could have snatched a winner.

The draw was a worthy result and the winner on the day was soccer.

Of course, star billing went to Kevin Keegan, and his presence created Blacktown's goal — and a memorable one at that — in the 30th minute.

Phil O'Connor, who had switched flanks after being marked well in the early stages by Croatia

BY BRAD EARL

right-back Tommy Basic, made a strong run from midfield, laid the ball off for Keegan, whose first-time flick opened the gap for Johnny McKie to storm through and rifle his shot into the net.

Keegan once again showed great intelligence in his play, although he was given little room by Croatia central defenders Bruno Vidaic and Vedran Rozic.

He managed one shot at goal in the 11th minute which curled wickedly from the edge of the penalty area, but Croatia goalkeeper Greg

Woodhouse blocked it well.

Croatia midfielder Odzakov and right winger Zeljko Jurin were playing with zest, but team-mates Jimmy Patikas and Graham Arnold were bottled up well by Blacktown defenders Martin Bourke and Paul Daley respectively.

The Demons played without a right-back in preference to having two man-markers in the centre and Robbie Wheatley sweeping.

Goalkeeper Barry Hoare and left-back Tony Rasmussen (returning from injury) completed a strong defence which kept Croatia at bay until

the 82nd minute.

Hoare and Wheatley were Blacktown's outstanding players, and Hoare made a great save in the ninth minute when he blocked a six metre shot from Patikas with his legs.

Croatia thought they had equalised in the 55th minute when Patikas pounced on a long cross into the goalmouth from Marian Kovacic, but the offside flag was up and the goal was disallowed.

Then in the 82nd minute Croatia were awarded a free-kick just outside the box. Jurin passed the ball to Odzakov, whose waist-high shot swung away from Hoare's reach and inside the far post.

Four minutes later, Arnold's surprise overhead kick went to Patikas unmarked eight metres out, but Hoare was off his line to once again block Patikas' effort with his feet.

Man of the match: BARRY HOARE can't play much better than he did here. He was dominant in the air and moved off his line quickly to narrow the angle very well.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare; Wheatley, Daley, Bourke, Rasmussen (Skellern 91); Selvage, Bradley, Knight; McKie, Keegan, O'Connor.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse; Basic, Rezo, Rozic, Vidaic; M. Kovacic, Odzakov, Clinch (Tomasic 87); Jurin, Patikas, Arnold.
REFEREE: J. Reeves.
CROWD: 14,220 (double-header).



KEVIN KEEGAN in action for Blacktown. PHOTO: GARY WARRICK (SPN).

PENRITH HOLD FIRM

SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....0 PENRITH CITY.....1

PENRITH CITY, due to some magnificent defensive work by their entire back-four and the excellent form of goalkeeper Mike Gibson, managed to hold back Sydney Olympic attacks to score a precious 1-0 victory at Pratten Park yesterday.

Olympic's tale of injury woes continued when as early as in the 10th minute they lost young centre-back Alex Lampropoulos with a broken nose.

Olympic took the field without Peter Katholos (knee operation), Marshall Soper (suspended), Nick Theodorakopoulos (broken leg) and Tony Dakos (recovering from a knee operation).

Dakos had to come on for the injured Lampropoulos and, despite being understandably short of a gallop, played well.

Penrith City's victory can be credited almost entirely to their magnificent work in defence, especially

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

through their back-four of Peter Brogan, Jeff Ainsworth, Don Campbell and skipper Mickey Cross.

Goalkeeper Gibson was outstanding, especially in the last 12 minutes as Olympic bombarded his goal looking for an equaliser.

Olympic's blockbusting left striker Chris Kalantzis, who was generally well-marshalled by Brogan, crashed his 25th minute header onto Penrith's crossbar following a perfect cross from the right by Terry Patalis.

But two minutes into

injury time in the first half, Penrith scored their goal through centre-back Ainsworth.

Left flanker Rene Licata broke away down the line, whipped in his cross from the left for striker Peter Jones to get a header towards goal.

Olympic's giant goalkeeper Gary Meier could only parry the Jones header and Ainsworth tapped the loose ball in from only three metres out.

Martyn Rogers, Olympic's right-back, came perilously close to equalising in the 56th minute, but was pressured well in the box by Cross. Rogers' shot flashed just wide of the post.

In the 69th minute, Penrith left midfielder Michael Toohey volleyed a Brogan free-kick well on target, only to see Meier pull off a great save and deny Penrith a second goal.

Stuart Johnston, who replaced Mark Koussas, flicked his header from only three metres out over the crossbar in the 76th minute as Olympic's frustration to score



SYDNEY OLYMPIC's left striker, No 11 Chris Kalantzis, goes airborne in the 25th minute to head a Terry Patalis cross from the right flank towards the target. Kalantzis, however, crashed his header against the crossbar as Penrith goalkeeper Mike Gibson covers the angle.

surfaced.

Kalantzis whacked in a strong close-range header in the 85th minute, but Gibson excelled to turn the ball around the post for a corner.

After the match, a contented Penrith coach Willie Wallace said: "Our defence played well, we chased all day and thus were rewarded."

Man of the match:

MIKE GIBSON, who blocked hot-shots and strong headers all afternoon with monotonous regularity.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Rogers, Lampropoulos (Dakos 10), Ziras, Jennings; Phillips, Resko-

poulos Svinos; Patalis, Koussas (Johnston 76), Kalantzis.

PENRITH CITY: Gibson; Brogan, Ainsworth, Campbell, Cross; Hebb (Easthorpe 36), Jackson, Toohey; Hunter, Jones, Licata (Shute 66).

REFEREE: A. Owens.
CROWD: 3,154.

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE

RAIN once again played havoc with the weekend NSL Youth League matches.

In Sydney the ground at Pratten Park was in the best condition seen for a long time, but by half-time Sydney Olympic were wishing the rain had continued as Penrith City slammed in five first half goals, with striker David Shute grabbing a hat-trick.

However the second half was a different tale and was all Olympic as the Panthers went into hibernation.

Despite grabbing three second half goals, Olympic left it all too late and time ran out for them.

— PETER RUSSELL

NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

ROUND 9:

MARCONI 4 (Gray 2, Jankovics, Lowe) INTER MONARO 1 (Giampaolo) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 14,220 (double-header).
 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 PENRITH CITY 1 (Ainsworth) at Pratten Park. Crowd: 3,154.
 ST GEORGE 1 (Bozanic) WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (Hristovski) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 675.
 BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (McKie) SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Odzakovic) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 14,220 (double-header).
 CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS 0 APIA LEICHHARDT 0 at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 1,378.
 NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD 1 (Todd) SYDNEY CITY 1 (Farina) at Adamstown Oval. Crowd: 1,850.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	8	5	2	1	18	10	12
Sydney City	8	5	1	2	18	10	11
Marconi	8	4	3	1	20	13	11
Blacktown City	9	4	2	3	13	10	10
Canberra City	9	3	4	2	14	12	10
Apia Leichhardt	8	4	1	3	14	11	9
Penrith City	8	3	2	3	10	8	8
Sydney Olympic	9	4	0	5	8	10	8
St George	8	2	3	3	7	7	7
Newcastle Rosebud	8	1	3	4	8	16	5
Wollongong City	8	2	1	5	13	24	5
Inter Monaro	9	2	0	7	12	24	4

TOP SCORERS

- 9 — Egan (SM)
 6 — Stevenson (H)
 Jankovics (M)
 5 — Farina (S. City), Latif (SGC), Smith (P), Arnold (S. Cro), Lewis (GG), Patikas (S. Cro), Dragicevic (IM), Colagiuri (LA), Brown (M)
 4 — Reis (BC), Zinni (BJ), Giampaolo (IM), Gary (M), Ward (MC), Cole (P)

'THE BATTLERS' WERE BEST

INTER MONARO.....3 SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....1

INTER MONARO, the battlers from the bush, completely outclassed Sydney Olympic at Seiffert Oval in a game that saw two sent off, two yellow cards, a missed penalty and a player carried off on a stretcher.

If Monaro strikers Tony Brennan, Baz Giampaolo and Chris Thamnidis had been more accurate in front of goal, the home team would have won by five or six goals at least.

Emil Dragicevic scored twice for Monaro before he was carried off as a result of a head clash with Olympic keeper Bill Londres a split second after he had headed in Monaro's second goal in the 36th minute.

Dragicevic scored the opening goal after only eight minutes.

It was in the 22nd minute that Marshall Soper and Billy Willox earned early showers after tangling on the sideline.

Attilio Carbone and Carlo Ambrosino dominated the midfield, and serve up at least half-a-dozen exciting chances that were not put away.

In fact, neither Brennan, who replaced Dragicevic, nor Giampaolo was at all sharp in attack.

Giampaolo added to his woes when he skied a penalty just before half-time, but he finally regained some pride when he drove an 86th

Due to a computer breakdown last week, the Inter Monaro v Sydney Olympic match report had to be held over till this week. KEN HEALEY REPORTS.

minute free-kick fiercely past the wall and the hapless Londres from 30 metres.

Olympic lacked the imagination or skill needed to get back into the game in the second half.

Their consolation goal came in the 82nd minute when Chris Kalantzis drove unerringly from the edge of the box.

Man of the match: Monaro midfielder ATTILIO CARBONE, who used aggression and imagination in his best game since joining the Queanbeyan team.

MONARO: Hoszowski, Budini, Walsh, Santolin, Dachs (Gagetti 21), Willox, C. Ambrosino, Carbone, Dragicevic (Brennan 38), Giampaolo, Thamnidis.

OLYMPIC: Londres, Haniotis (Polias 53), Jennings, Lampropoulos, Rogers, Svinos, Raskopoulos, Phillips, Soper, Kalantzis, Johnston.

REFEREE: G. Davies.
CROWD: 1,407.

WOLVES TIGHTEN THEIR DEFENCE

ST GEORGE.....1 WOLLONGONG.....1

WOLLONGONG WOLVES' strong defensive commitment paid dividends at St George Stadium when they forced a 1-1 draw with Saints.

For much of the game the Wolves looked like they could hang on for a win after Zivko Hristovski scored in the ninth minute.

That goal was well-executed through lead-up from midfielder Alex Bundalo who shrugged off the defence and passed to Bernie Godzik.

From Godzik the ball went to Hristovski who gave Wollongong a handy 1-0 lead.

St George's new English import, striker Trevor Morgan, made his presence felt when he hammered the Wollongong area time after time.

But young goalkeeper Sean Billington, playing like a man inspired, prevented St

George equalising.

Defender Steve Green probed dangerously for a goal but Billington launched himself at the ball without fear for his own safety.

Wollongong fought to prevent the St George attackers from gaining the ascendancy.

The equaliser after 68 minutes was disputed by Wollongong

coach Adrian Alston.

Referee Gary Power over-ruled a linesman who flagged for offside in the lead-up to the goal.

Vic Bozanic found an open goal and drove the ball home into the top of the net.

After the match Alston said: "I was disappointed with a draw."

"But the one point is vital for us. The boys played magni-

ficently."

Wollongong City's display showed that they had erased the memory of their previous match when Marconi thrashed them 6-1.

St George assistant coach Frank Lang said: "There were plenty of opportunities but we failed to capitalise on them."

"Steve Green and David Ratcliffe were outstanding."

Man of the match: SEAN BILLINGTON for a courageous display in difficult, slippery conditions.

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, Green, Koczka (Cotton 59), Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Slater, Stone, Bozanic (Petkovski 82), J. O'Shea, Morgan.

WOLLONGONG: Billington, Green, Matias (Condran 39), Hristovski, Dickson, Brodnik, Godzik, Bundalo (Kerr 65), Willis, Kotamanidis, Giannone.

REFEREE: G. Power.
CROWD: 675.

GRAY SHOWS THE WAY

BY KEITH GILMOUR

MARCONI.....4
 INTER MONARO.....1

MARCONI overcome their early lethargy to score twice in either half to down Inter Monaro 4-1 at Marconi Stadium yesterday.

Midfielder Ian Gray pointed them along the right road with two first half goals, both of which came from deflections.

Marconi played well within themselves and Inter Monaro's most constructive player, Baz Giampaolo, put them back in the picture.

He scored with a deceptive penalty kick after Marconi defender Steve Calderan blocked the ball with his hand.

After that Marconi lifted their play and striker Mark Jankovics netted in the 80th minute after Rod Brown hit the crossbar.

David Lowe took the score to 4-1 with a magnificent 20 metre shot four minutes from the end, and Monaro had defender John Santolin sent off.

Marconi played well within themselves in the first half, with Monaro squandering an excellent run of chances they set up.

Play opened with immediate pressure from Monaro striker Giampaolo, who quickly put panic into the Marconi defence.

Monaro's ex-Marconi players soon entered the picture with scoring attempts against their

former club.

Ricky Budini, playing in midfield, was the first but his shot from an Attilio Carbone build-up landed on the roof of Alex McPherson's net.

Then in the 14th minute Marconi midfielder Gray hammered home after Monaro goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski missed taking a corner and the ball had been part cleared. The ball took a slight deflection on the way.

Carbone, the former Marconi midfielder who joined Inter Monaro this year, tested McPherson with a shot and then a header.

Then in the 27th minute it was Gray again for Marconi. He took his team 2-0 ahead when his free-kick from just outside the box took a deflection and found the unfortunate Hoszowski attempting to protect the wrong end of his net.

Monaro kept pegging away through wingers Tony Brennan and Chris Thamnidis.

Man of the match: IAN GRAY for an impressive performance.

MARCONI: McPherson, Carter, Sterrey, Henderson, Calderan, Mason (Driene 87), Gray, Lowe, Brown, Jankovics (Gunning 87), Tredinnick.

INTER MONARO: Hoszowski, Budini (Domazetovich 73), Gagetti, Santolin, A. Ambrosino, C. Ambrosino, Carbone, Walsh, Brennan (Monterosso 75), Giampaolo, Thamnidis.

REFEREE: T. Davies.
CROWD: 14,202 (double-header).



MARCONI's two goal star Ian Gray (left) is chased by Arno Bertogna.



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DREAM DRAW IN RUSSIA



OVER to you Jim Shoulder ... the way is open for an armchair ride into the quarter-finals of the World Youth Championship for the FIFA/Coca-Cola in Russia in August!

For to be perfectly honest, the Young Socceroos have received a dream draw in the competition and one that could not have been bettered.

We have also been blessed with playing at the best venue in the opening round of the series and everything has come out smelling roses!

If coach Shoulder selects the best players available to him, and there's no reason to think he won't, then the news from behind the iron curtain in August should be good.

First off, let's have a look at the draw, where we are grouped with host nation USSR, Canada and Nigeria.

'ROBBED'

Russia is no stranger to Australia as it was the Soviets who knocked the Young Socceroos out of the semi-final of the Joao Havelange international series at the Estadio Ciudad Deportiva in Acapulco in 1982.

I had the great pleasure of covering this series and have no hesitation in stating that in this match Les Scheinflug's Young Socceroos were "robbed".

Our kids, led in magnificent style by Tommy McCulloch, played the Soviets off the park and were the

better team despite the loss.

Two disgraceful refereeing decisions led to Russia's 1-0 win.

Television replays proved this beyond any doubt afterwards and even the Russians admitted they had been fortunate!

Russia then went on to thrash Argentina in the final to win the series, with Australia finishing a gallant third to take the bronze medals.

We then had a good look at Russia in the WYC Finals in Mexico in 1983, where they failed miserably when the real pressure was on.

PLANNING

But, by the same token, the Russians can be sure of having a well-organised team with their planning and method ironed out to a tee.

In fact, their teamwork will be flawless and every player in their side will have played in the Russian first division.

However, their failing is that they are too methodical — like robots — and lack the individual flair to play "off the cuff" when closely marked.

The shrewd Scheinflug was well aware of this in Acapulco and along with his assistant Raul Blanco planned accordingly.

The result was that speedster Frank Farina and the brave Rod

BY TOM ANDERSON, who has covered every World Youth Championship participation by the Young Socceroos since they first entered the competition in 1978.

Brown caused havoc with the Russians and should have been awarded a goal which was amazingly disallowed.

The fact that Australia play Russia first-up is also to the Young Socceroos' advantage.

For prestige and face-saving value, this is a match the young Russians will be told they must win

and the pressure on them will be intense.

Two points or a one-way ticket to Siberia could be the Russians' pre-match message!

In the past, the Young Socceroos have handled such situations to perfection ... such as in Mexico in 1983, where they met the host nation in the opening

game at the Aztec Stadium before a capacity crowd of 110,000.

The result was a 1-1 draw with all the glory to our lads.

This was after the match was over an hour late in kicking off and the lads had to run the last two kilometres to the stadium.

Of course, the performance of Tony Franken in that game is one that will never be forgotten — especially in Mexico City!

No doubt coach Shoulder will be able to motivate his squad in Russia to the same heights of greatness — although Jim please don't be late for the kick-off!

Russia has a very good record in the WYC and won the first series in Tunisia in 1977 and were runners-up in Japan in 1979.

FORGET

As for the other two teams in the section ... well, let's face it, they're not exactly top of the pops in the world Youth ratings!

Indeed if we can't get results against this duo then we should forget about attempting to down Russia or even making the quarter-finals.

Taking everything into consideration, Russia and Australia should progress forward to the quarter-finals from Group C.

In the other sections, Hungary and Bulgaria should progress through from Group A.

In Group B Brazil and Spain look to have the edge, while in Group D England and Paraguay look the

WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

GROUP A (venue Erevan) — Hungary, Colombia, Tunisia and Bulgaria.

GROUP B (venue Tbilisi) — Eire, Brazil, Saudi Arabia and Spain.

GROUP C (venue Minsk) — USSR, Australia, Nigeria and Canada.

GROUP D (venue Baku) — England, Paraguay, China and Mexico.

MATCH SCHEDULE:

AUGUST 24: Group A Hungary v Colombia, Tunisia v Bulgaria; Group B Eire v Brazil, Saudi Arabia v Spain; Group C USSR v Australia, Nigeria v Canada; Group D England v Paraguay, China v Mexico.

AUGUST 26: Group A Hungary v Tunisia; Group B Eire v Saudi Arabia; Group C USSR v Nigeria; Group D England v China.

AUGUST 27: Group A Colombia v Bulgaria; Group B Brazil v Spain; Group C Australia v Canada; Group D Paraguay v Mexico.

AUGUST 29: Group A Hungary v Bulgaria, Colombia v Tunisia; Group B Eire v Spain, Brazil v Saudi Arabia; Group C USSR v Canada, Australia v Nigeria; Group D England v Mexico, Paraguay v China.

QUARTER-FINALS:

SEPTEMBER 1: MATCH ONE — winner Group A v second Group B; MATCH TWO — winner Group B v second Group A; MATCH THREE — winner Group C v second Group D; MATCH FOUR — winner Group D v second Group C.

SEMI-FINALS:

SEPTEMBER 4: winner Match One v winner Match Three in Moscow; winner Match Two v winner Match Four in Leningrad.

THIRD-PLACE PLAY-OFF:

SEPTEMBER 7: loser first semi-final v loser second semi-final in Moscow.

FINAL:

SEPTEMBER 7: in Moscow.



JIM SHOULDER



CHRIS KALANTZIS: key man.

goods, although China are pretty strong at Youth level going by their performances in Mexico.

The key men in the Australian set-up will without doubt be striker Chris Kalantzis and sweeper Andrew Bernal.

Not far behind them will be midfielders Alex Bundalo and John Panagis.

Going on past knowledge, there is nothing that can beat experience and battle-hardness in a Final series and this is where players with regular NSL experi-

ence will come into their own.

What will never be forgotten is the majestic record and reputation Scheinflug built up over the years with his Youth teams.

Australian sports fans are proud of their Young Socceroos and have come to expect them to deliver the goods in any company.

No doubt Shoulder realises this more than anyone and will act accordingly as we endeavour to add yet another glorious chapter to the sporting history books!

'IT'S A NIGHTMARE' SAYS DALGLEISH

BY KEITH GILMOUR

AUSTRALIAN Under 16 coach Vic Dalgleish described the draw for the first U16 World Cup as a nightmare for Australia.

The U16 Socceroos face Argentina, West Germany and the Congo in the first round pool in Tianjin, China.

"They are two big countries and one un-

known. Even Congo must be rated because they won through from Africa," he said.

South Australia's Mike Wells has recommended a couple of his lads who qualify by age and will be in their U18 side at Parklea for this week's National Championships.

The Australian U16 squad has been booked into the Enterprise Hostel at Springvale in Melbourne from May 12/18 for a training camp.

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Readers Forum

THANK YOU TO JOE'S FRIENDS

I WOULD be grateful if you would allow me to use your paper to most sincerely thank all those friends and soccer supporters who so kindly expressed their sympathy to me in so many ways following the passing of my late husband Joe Vlasits.

It was a great comfort to me to know that he had so many friends in the soccer world who shared my loss.

MRS F. VLASITS,
Northmead, NSW.

'UNFASHIONABLE' BLACKTOWN CITY

I FEEL that I must take Tom Anderson to task for his biased comments in the DAILY MIRROR (April 26).

He seems to revel in the word "unfashionable" when writing about the Blacktown City Soccer Club and how dare he refer to Kevin Keegan displaying his talents in the mud of the Gabbie Stadium.

If running a successful soccer club backed by a first-class licensed club is unfashionable then so be it, and if the club pays its accounts rather than be up to its neck in debts then so be it.

If Mr Anderson were to visit the Gabbie he may not be the most popular visitor but it could help him to get his facts right.

He would also find a plush green playing surface that is second to none and the envy of many other clubs, fashionable or otherwise.

DEMONS SUPPORTER,
G. THOMAS,
Castle Hill, NSW.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Gabbie ground held up very well with all the rain prior to Kevin Keegan's first match for Blacktown City and it is a credit to hard-working groundsman Gordon Walker and the club.

WAS GROUND THAT BAD?

HEARING of the second cancellation of the NSL Cup Final between Preston and Sydney Olympic, I wonder if the ground is all that bad.

The Final was cancelled on Anzac Day, yet a full round of Rugby League was played around Sydney and Olympic just happened to be suffering injuries.

Now again the Final was put off, with Peter Katholos ruled out through injury and Marshall Soper through suspension.

I hear the Final would have been held in Canberra if a Newcastle v Preston Final eventuated.

Why couldn't the Final have been held in Canberra where the weather is fine instead of having a Sydney advantage where the thugs on the hill will no doubt pelt Phil Traianidis with missiles as they did to United keeper Clint Gosling?

The answer: the NSL want the match in Sydney.

C'mon Preston! That's the thought all over Newcastle and it's certainly mine.

D. MCGAW,
Newcastle, NSW.

PS: As a reader of ASW for three years, it's getting better and better. Keep it up.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Ideally the Cup Final should be played at a pre-determined venue — either at the same place every year, just as the FA Cup Final at Wembley, or in a different city each year, with the location determined prior to the start of the series. However, the NSL's job is to make the competition viable financially that simply means the clubs which get crowds get preference.

SUPPORTERS STAND UP!

ANSSA — that stands for Australian National Soccer Supporters Association which does not exist ... but it should.

About 10 months ago I wrote to Sir Arthur George with a proposal to sponsor the above to raise funds to build proper stadiums in EVERY capital city as well as foster full professional soccer with only two teams in those cities sharing the same ground.

On a home and away basis, there would be one big game every week and with floodlights a national cup competition involving regional sides.

There are half-a-million registered players throughout Australia as well as a huge number of unemployed amongst the younger part of our society. So if each professional team had about five junior teams from school-leaving age upwards, there would be a permanent nursery of salaried young players.

With the stadiums and the talented players the public would go to see the games. Further this country could then stage the World Cup series — and win it for the first time!

When you add the 500,000 to the parents and non-playing soccer followers, there must be a potential membership in ANSSA of three million or more.

W. GOLIGHTLY,
Leura, NSW.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A worthy theory but it would need radical changes to alter the existing club structure in Sydney and Melbourne.

END SOCCER ABUSE

FOR the past six years I have been watching at least five games of soccer per weekend. From U13 Youth League to first grade State League and NSL.

Never before have I been so disgusted with the performance, both on and off the field, as I was at the so-called game between Sydney City and Sydney Olympic.

I am involved with both clubs, so my views are unbiased.

Abuse started, followed by missiles and a spitting duel. If that was not disgusting enough, punches started then

umbrellas appeared. One over 50-year-old hero punched a 14-year-old boy in the face, knocking him to the ground.

These so-called sports-minded people were not all young hoodlums either, they were middle-aged and should have had more sense.

When are soccer fans going to wake up and act the way this code of football deserves? Soccer will not go any further in this country unless everybody stops abusing each other and the referees.

Please don't let us end up like some of the English clubs.

A VERY UPSET MUM,
Sutherland, NSW.

EDITOR'S NOTE: What can be expected when we have people with the mentality that soccer is an outlet for tribal warfare? Families should be able to watch a top match without the sort of disgusting behaviour you witnessed.

GIVE GIRLS A FAIR GO

I WISH to congratulate AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY for their coverage of the code and most specifically the women's section.

It is most satisfying as an administrator to have a sports newspaper such as ASW believe in all participants of soccer and not merely the top men's teams or the national men's team as is mostly the case.

I wish to assure you that a sizeable number from the thousands of women playing soccer in Australia today, eagerly look for ASW each week. Further the content as written by John Economos is most enlightening, interesting and to the point, for which we are grateful.

The most common phrase heard when women soccer players are discussed is the assumption that they are all masculine women ... though this is most often uttered by people who have never taken the time to watch a women's game. We have very lovely feminine women from all walks of life enjoying the challenge of the game of soccer and adapting to the skills required with their natural grace.

I could enlarge, but suffice for now is to raise my glass to you sir, and the ASW, and Mr John Economos, and all who give our ladies a fair go.

Maybe one day we could see top female matches as curtain-raisers to top men's fixtures?

IRENE SNEYD,
(Life member ASWA),
Central Coast, NSW.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thanks for the bouquet!



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BARNES AND KOSSIE BACK

MURRAY BARNES and John Kosmina will be back for Sydney City's match against arch-rivals St George next Sunday at the Sydney Athletic Field.

Barnes, the tough midfielder and club captain, together with Australia's World Cup captain Kosmina missed last Saturday's away clash with Newcastle Rosebud.

Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson said last night: "At this stage, only Ean Rodrigues looks doubtful for Sunday after suffering a heavy knock to his knee."

Rodrigues slotted into the midfield to cover Barnes' absence.

Great individual tussles seem assured between St George's centre-back Michael O'Shea and Kosmina, Sydney City's giant stopper Steve O'Connor and Saints' new English target-man, 28-year-old Trevor Morgan from Exeter City.

Both Sydney City and St George dropped a valuable point last weekend, and both will be more than eager to make amends.

Les Bordacs, the Saints' chairman, said last night: "Against Wollongong yesterday we bombed at least four chances in the second half, despite both Morgan and Robbie Slater firing in excellent shots."

"We were denied by Wollongong's goalkeeper, Sean Billington, who had a magnificent match, blocking everything that was fired at him."

Dynamic little Paul Kay, involved in a car smash last Friday, could again miss selection in the Sydney City side for Sunday.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI REJECT PATALIS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

TERRY PATALIS, the hero of Sydney Olympic's 1983 NSL Cup Final victory, has been rejected for the second time in his frustrating bid to return to National League football.

After being sacked by Sydney Olympic last month, Patalis trained with Marconi.

However, the Marconi committee refused to agree to the winger joining the club on loan on the grounds that his acquisition would hinder the development and promotion of Marconi junior players.

Patalis, scorer of both goals for Sydney Olympic in the 1983 two-leg Cup Final against Heidelberg United, was offered by Olympic to Marconi coach Les Scheinflug on loan till June.

Scheinflug readily accepted Olympic's offer but the Marconi committee rejected the deal.

"If Patalis was for sale tomorrow, I would immediately buy him for his soccer ability as I think quite highly of him as a player with a very fine character," Scheinflug said.

Patalis has signed with Greek First Division side Olympiakos and will fly to Greece in June to commence pre-season training with the club.

It is hard to fathom why Patalis is unwanted by Olympic, especially now that the club is desperately short of players.

Two Olympic attackers are out with long-term injuries: Nick Theodorakopoulos (broken leg) and Peter Katholos (knee).

SHOULDER STICKS WITH WINNING SQUAD

BY KEITH GILMOUR

JIM SHOULDER is staying with the players who comprised the Oceania World Youth Championship tournament winning squad for the Finals in the USSR.

The exception is outstanding forward Warren Spink, who missed out on the Oceania series as a disciplinary measure.



ANDREW BERNAL

Shoulder said "I have players in the squad such as Andrew Bernal and Spink who do the job fully every time they turn out."

"Others such as John Panagis and Alex Bundalo can usually be relied on far a top effort. "The other part of the squad comprises players who are very close in ability. Outside of them there is a whole pool of players who are similar in standard to those in the squad."

Shoulder won't be going away with the AIS team to Holland on May 13.

He is booked for the Level 4 coaching course with overseas instructors Billy Birmingham and Heinz Marotzke.

Ron Smith, Shoulder's long-time assistant, will be doing the honours.

"There is nothing to be gained by making various switches. In any case I will use the best 11 in every case if they are fit."

Shoulder likened his position to that of Frank Arok with the World Cup squad.

Arok has said there might be a couple of additions to his regulars — but that is all.



WARREN SPINK

DESPERATION AT OLYMPIC

CONTINUED FROM P1

It's Sydney City's 21-year-old back-up striker Graeme Fletcher, but Eddie Thomson said: "Although I feel sorry for Olympic's predicament, I need Fletcher myself before I can become a Santa Claus."

A frustrated Petinellis stated: "If we can't find a solution very quickly on the domestic scene, we will have to look across the water for one."

Meanwhile, Terry Patalis and Jimmy Ziras, sacked by the club two weeks ago, were drafted back into Olympic's side for yesterday's Penrith match, and both performed creditably.

With Peter Katholos and Tony Dakos recuperating from knee operations and Nick Theodorakopoulos with a broken leg, Sydney Olympic have been left stranded for attacking players.

Their injury list grew even further yesterday when young centre-back Alex Lampropoulos had to leave the field with a broken nose.

Olympic face Sydney Croatia next Sunday and again will be without ace striker Marshall Soper, serving another week's suspension.



NICK THEODORAKOPOULOS (right)

THOMSON 'DISAPPOINTED' WITH EGAN

BY BRAD EARL

ACTING national coach Eddie Thomson is "very disappointed" with Charlie Egan for not discussing his grievances with Frank Arok before going to the newspapers.

In last week's SOCCER ACTION, South Melbourne striker Egan declared himself unavailable for the Australian squad for this month's international series.

Egan, who was leading goalscorer on the Socceroos' world tour last year, labelled the national team set-up "amateurish".

Thomson, who is assistant national coach to Arok, said: "I'm very disappointed that Charlie wasn't professional enough to tell Frank before

going to the newspapers."

Arok is currently in Europe where he saw Wales defeat Spain 3-0 last week.

Egan was quoted as saying: "I won't even ring Frank Arok and tell him about my decision. He can read about it in print. That's how much respect the national team deserves."

Egan said two Melbourne players, Peter Laumets and Harry Hird, were not "looked after" when they were injured a national



CHARLIE EGAN
squad training in Melbourne last year.

"They received first-class attention as far as we were concerned," Thomson replied.

In an accompanying editorial in SOCCER ACTION, reference is made to three incidents which are alleged to have occurred on the world tour.

Thomson was surprised by the allegations, saying: "I don't know about two of them."

"On a tour of five or six weeks, you're always going to get one or two incidents. Sometimes players get over-bosierous."

MANOU IS A MARKED MAN

BY TOM MCKAIN

AFTER already missing one NSL match this season, Chris Manou of West Adelaide could miss several more matches for the same reason — suspension.

The giant midfielder appears to be a marked man — marked by the referees, and opponents who know of his short-fuse temper.

What has created a difficult situation for the big man is that recently he has been making every effort to "keep the head," helped by coach Neil McGachey.

The latter was a "bit of a hothead" when he played and says he understands what Manou is going through.

REPUTATION

"We all know 'Chris' had a reputation and collected yellow cards galore," said McGachey.

"But now when he is trying to get his act together he is getting booked for nothing."

"If he injures someone or strikes, fair enough, but now he only has to breathe on another player and the yellow card is out."

In the latest incident Manou was booked against Brisbane City for a "high tackle".

There was no injury to the Brisbane man, the tackle missed, but referee Mike Browning flashed the yellow card.

He was later sent off for backhanding Roberto Lietteri, after his game dropped as he attempted to avoid the red card which came when he blew his top.

His size has been one of Manou's main problems.

TEMPER

When he attempts to fend off smaller players chasing him his arm does not hit them in the chest, as is the case with most others, but invariably ends up in their faces.

He's the first to admit he has a temper, but claims it comes from frustration and is not directed at opponents unless they goad him into fouling.

Unfortunately for Manou, more and more players are realising he can be needed.

That is something he will have to live with and can overcome, but he's going



CHRIS MANOU.

to need some help from the referees if he is not the break the yellow card record.

McGachey has suggested the answer may be to pay for interstate whistlers because Manou appears to have few friends among the local men in black.

After one match in the Ampol series, Manou is reported to have said to one referee when he shook his hand: "Thanks for not booking me."

After this latest stint on the outer, he will be hoping to repeat the hand-shaking routine more often.

ADELAIDE may see interstate referees on a regular basis for some of its National League matches.

The appeal for "neutral" whistlers is expected to come when meetings similar to that in Sydney, involving club officials, coaches and referees, are organised for the Southern Division.

Adelaide's two clubs, City and West, will have their say within the next fortnight, according to NSL manager Stefan Kamasz.

"We've had a couple of controversial reports recently and I think it is about time we got the clubs and referees together in Melbourne and Adelaide," he said.

West coach Neil McGachey has already said he would suggest to his club that they try to arrange for occasional appearances by referees from outside SA.

HARSH WORDS

This followed the booking, then ordering off, of midfielder Chris Manou against Brisbane City by SA whistler Mike Browning.

Adelaide City were not pleased with the performance of local referee Tony Martell in the 2-2 draw with South Melbourne.

And the latter's president, Jim Diamataris, also had harsh words for SA referees.

After the City game he was quoted in Melbourne as saying:

"I'm not complaining about the result of the game. It's bad enough to have a biased referee but when you have biased sports writers it's just not on."

"It's pathetic to have referees like this. It happens all the time in Adelaide and Brisbane."

SA CALL FOR INTERSTATE REFEREES

BY TOM MCKAIN

The only refs who know what they're doing are those in Melbourne and Sydney."

Referee Martell sent off City's Neville Flounders and booked South's Charlie Egan after an incident in the home penalty box.

After sending off the City stopper, Martell then awarded the home team a free-kick inside the box.

As an aside, we did not think our report on the game was biased.

COMPLAINTS

Lack of consistency and too many yellow cards are the major complaints in the Southern Division.

City boss Edmund Kreft said he welcomed the chance to discuss refereeing at the proposed meeting.

"There are too many yellow cards and too many stoppages," he said.

"The games are not being allowed to flow in most cases and they are killed for the spectators."



SPOTLIGHT SWINGS ON TO BROWN

CALL-UP WAS A SURPRISE



ROD BROWN in action for Marconi as he attempts to keep his balance after a desperate challenge by Apia Leichhardt defender Arno Bertogna.

ROD BROWN may have to give up his part-time car-washing job if he is selected to play for Australia later this month.

The red-headed Marconi striker last week was named in the Socceroo squad which goes into training camp on May 15-16.

The next step is the international series against Tottenham Hotspur, Vasco Da Gama and Udinese.

For Brown, who earns a living by delivering Gyprock with Marconi team-mate Tony Henderson and washing cars, the announcement came as a surprise.

"I wasn't really expecting it after not being selected in the interstate game," Brown said.

ON TRIAL

Two young strikers, Graham Arnold of New South Wales and Danny Wright of Queensland, were on trial in the annual interstate match in Brisbane, watched by national team boss Frank Arok.

However, both missed national squad selection — and now the spotlight has swung on to Brown.

There have been many similarities in the careers of Brown and Arnold so far.

For starters, they're both 21 and both very mobile and aggressive strikers.

Last year, the pair missed selection in last year's World Soccer Series, but their form in the second half of the season saw them included in a national training camp prior to the Socceroo's world tour.

However, they both missed the cut-off for that tour.

After seven rounds of the current season, they had both scored five goals, although Brown thought Arnold had a head-start on him for the international series when he was picked for NSW.

Profile

BY BRAD EARL

"Graham's scored a few goals this year and I thought he had a good chance of national selection," he said.

"I had a bit of a slow start to the season, but I've started scoring a few goals lately."

Those goals broke an early-season drought which struck Brown in his first two seasons in the National League.

"Halfway through the last two seasons — my first seasons in the NSL — I had only scored one goal," he said.

Each time, though, Brown came good in the second half of the season.

Last year he finished with 14 goals behind John Kosmina and Doug Brown, yet he admits that when the goals weren't coming he was getting too impatient.

REWARDED

In fact he often drew the wrath of better-placed team-mates as he tried shots from any position in his desperation to score.

But this year he's made a confident start to the season and coach Les Scheinflug is pleased to see him rewarded with national selection.

"I believe he should have gone on last year's trip, as I believe he is equal to anything we have in Australia," the former national coach said.

"Now it's up to him to make the best of it."

The form of the 1983 Australian Youth team striker has played a big part in Marconi's good start to the current campaign.

"The important thing is we were picking up points when we had injuries to key players," Brown said.

Rod doesn't look too far into the future.

"I take it game by game," he said.

This year he faces the biggest challenge of his career as Australia gears up for a tough World Cup campaign.

Somehow I don't think Brown will mind giving up his car-washing job if he makes the Socceroo squad!



LES SCHEINFLUG: pleased.

IT'S NO JOKE, BRUNO!

MANY people were shocked to hear Bruno Vidaic's name announced when the Australian training squad was announced for next month's international tournament.

If everyone thought they were surprised at his selection how do you think he felt when he was informed?

"I couldn't believe it. I was shocked," the Sydney Croatia vice-captain said.

"The night the team was announced one of the supporters joking-

ly said I was in the team after a training session at our Sports Centre.

"I didn't take much notice of him.

"The next day I got a phone call from David Jack telling me I'd made the 31-man squad," Vidaic said.

EARLY DAYS

Vidaic won selection along with teammates Wally Savor

and recent signings Zarko Odzakovic and Jim Patikas.

Although Croatia are one of the pacesetters in the Northern

Division of the National League, Vidaic isn't getting carried away.

"It's only early days yet. There's a long way to go," he said.

"Wait till we play another 10 or 11 games ... then we'll really know how good we are.

"Our position isn't a real reflection of how things are. We still have to play teams like Sydney Olympic, Leichhardt and

Profile

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

BRUNO VIDAIC wins a header against Apia Leichhardt's Kerry Caban.

Penrith.

"I think everyone will be more happier if we are in the same position with five or six games left in the competition," Vidaic said.

A qualified physiotherapist, Bruno says a lack of confidence led to the downfall of the side in its inaugural season in the NSL last year.

PANIC

"We had a lot of ability when we joined the NSL," he said.

"When we started losing games early on we hit the panic button and consequently ended up going through so many coaches.

"This year we have players enjoying a second lease of life.

"Tommy Basic and

Curly Kovacic had success out at trouble holding first Croatia. We look set to surprise many people at them this year," Vidaic proudly concluded.

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ALAN VEST, NSW director of coaching, writes for ASW

U18 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT PARKLEA

THE 1985 Under 18 National Championships are to be held at Parklea, the NSW Soccer Federation headquarters, from tomorrow (Tuesday) to Friday.

Games will be played morning and afternoon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Play-off games will be on Friday morning and the final of the championships at 1.30 Friday afternoon.

Teams from all states will be competing and it would be a great opportunity for people to come along and see the best young talent in Australia.

These championships alternate from U18 to U19 so that boys playing in this year's championships are eligible to play next year and also for the next World Youth Championship.

The majority of our successful youth team that has qualified for the WYC Finals in the USSR took part in the Championships in the previous two years.

No doubt many top coaches will be taking in the Championships, including Youth coach Jim Shoulder.

It is a good opportunity for the lads to prove their ability but an equally good opportunity for the Sydney public to see Australia's youth in action.

NSW SQUAD LOOKS WELL BALANCED

IT has been a difficult task to select the 1985 New South Wales Under 18 state squad for a number of reasons.

Firstly, the similar ability of players, secondly the injuries sustained by some players, and thirdly the dreadful weather that has curtailed trials and training.

However, the final squad looks well balanced and I am sure the players will wear the blue of

NSW and pride.

We will miss striker Steve Chilas, who had to pull out after suffering an injury in a Commonwealth Bank Cup game a couple of weeks ago.

The biggest headache has been finalising the goalkeeping department. Dragan Pupovac has been performing exceptionally well with Melita Eagles in the State League, and it was finally decided to also include young Brett Hughes from Ku-ring-gai to give him more experience.

This meant leaving out two fine keepers, Keith Warren of St George and Antoine Avellino of Melita.

Another accident could lose us Sydney City player Fabian Sacilotto, who has been involved in a car accident, so Alf Carmone and David Scott will be on standby.

Eric Arneil is the manager of the squad with Ron Corry involved in coaching the team with myself.

The squad is:

- 1 Dragan Pupovac (Parramatta Melita)
- 16 Brett Hughes (Ku-ring-gai)
- 2 Zlatko Markovski (Marconi)
- 3 David Barrett (Avala)
- 5 Paul Edmunds (Apia Leichhardt)
- 4 Craig Moffatt (St George)
- 8 Fabian Sacilotto (Sydney City)
- 6 Paul Quarmbay (Blacktown City)
- 7 Anthony Parison (Apia Leichhardt)
- 9 Murray Gale (Warringah)
- 10 Jason Van Blerk (Apia Leichhardt)
- 11 Anthony George (St George)
- 12 David Shute (Penrith City)
- 13 Scott Ollerenshaw (St George)
- 14 John Brown (Wollongong City)
- 15 Max Graffano (Parramatta Melita)



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ANTHONY FRANKEN: opportunities.

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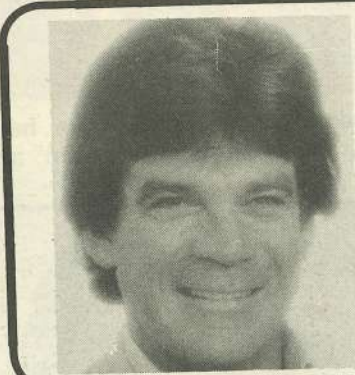
FOR those fortunate enough to know him, Canberra City Olympians and Soccerroo goalkeeper Anthony Franken is a tremendous ambassador for football, especially in the ACT.

Apart from his university studies, training camps with the Soccerroos and commitments with Canberra City Olympians, Franken is always available for the coaching of junior players.

He trains the keepers twice a week at the Institute of Sport, helps out with the ACT Soccer Academy and trains all the goalkeepers at the Downer Olympic Soccer Club on Monday evenings.

Franken, although only just turned 20 years of age, is appreciative of the opportunities he's already had in the game and is ever keen to put something back into Australian soccer.

And good luck to him — there should be a lot more of it.



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MONARO FIGHT OFF KNOCKERS

THOSE people writing off NSL new-chums Inter Monaro have been forced to think again.

The boys from Queanbeyan are anything but dead if recent form is any guide.

Despite the loss of Walter Valeri for the season, Inter Monaro have plenty going for them player-wise at the moment.

Baz Giampaolo is quickly regaining

form and once he starts to take his chances he'll be one of the NSL's top scorers.

Former Marconi players Attilio Carbone and Ricky Budini are finding their feet in their new surrounds too and are two of the reasons for Inter's vastly improved form in recent weeks.

But the man who is no doubt the main reason for the Queanbeyan club's move up the table is new coach Frank Maccarone.

Frank is no newcomer to football in Canberra.

He has coached there with tremendous success for the past 23 years.

Since taking over the coaching duties, Frank has had two "credible" defeats to championship pacesetters Sydney Croatia (0-2) and Syd-

ney City (2-3) followed by wins over Penrith (4-3) and Sydney Olympic (3-1).

And after seeing them outclass Sydney Olympic, I can only say that I doubt if Monaro will finish at the bottom of the table — a situation almost predictable three weeks ago.

ATTRACTIVE

Inter Monaro, at the moment, are not only getting points and scoring goals, but playing an entertaining and attractive style of football.

Maccarone is easing Inter's problems in more ways than one.

He coaches, as he has during the past 23 years, for no remuneration whatsoever.

Maccarone's coaching career saw him at Juventus (Can-



ATTILIO CARBONE (front) berra) from 1963 till 1976.

Grand Final in 1979.

He had a break from coaching in 1983 before joining the Croatia Canberra club last year.

NEW SERIES KICKS OFF ON SBS TV

A BRAND new "Captain Soccerroo" series will kick off on SBS television shortly.

The new, 13-part series will run for 15 minutes each week and will feature local personalities such as Canberra City Olympians and Soccerroo goalkeeper Anthony Franken, former Young Soccerroo and Soccerroo assistant coach Raul Blanco, former Canberra coach Doug Collins and former leading referee Bob Mee.

Also featured on the series will be 13 members of the Young Soccerroo team — which won its way through to the World Youth

Championship Finals in the Soviet Union later this year.

Players featured include such young starlets as Paul Jones, Robert Hooker, skipper Andrew Bernal, John Gregson, Aki Kotzamis, Alex Bundalo, Peter Petkovski, Jones Panagis, Chris Kalantzis, Lou Hristodoulou, John Kane-soulis, David Sharpe and Robert Markovac.

The player profiles consist of interviews plus footage of the youngsters playing and training with the

Young Soccerroos.

The obvious aim of this segment is to familiarise soccer kids and the sporting public at large with our Young Soccerroos.

Another highlight of the new series will be a regular segment on fitness, injuries and diet by the Australian Institute of Sport's Dr Peter Fricker.

Dr Fricker is one of the world's leading authorities on sport and his advice to players, coaches, parents and teachers if first-class stuff which should not be missed by all soccer fans.

"Captain Soccerroo" was once again filmed at the splendid facilities of the AIS in Canberra, utilising the artificial soccer pitch for much of the filming.

"Captain Soccerroo" goes to air shortly on SBS and will be part of an hour-long children's show targeted at the 8 to 14-year-old audience.

FIRST ROUND CONCLUDES

FIRST round matches of the 1985 Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup have been completed.

Here are the results to hand plus a report from Wollongong's NSL youth coach John Frew on the South Coast region.

Warrawong High School had to overcome a determined Keira side when it notched up a 2-1 win over last year's finalists.

In the first half Keira, with the aid of a strong breeze, had most of the game.

But due to some excellent keeping by Warrawong's Marko Zrigic, they failed to convert their play into goals and at half time the scoreline read 0-0.

In the second half Warrawong completely took over. A goal from centre-forward Alfonso Esciparto in the 52nd minute gave them the confidence they needed and spurred on by captain Milinko Zugic, eight minutes later they scored the goal that sealed the game for them.

Keira scored a consolation goal eight minutes from the end but it was a matter of too little too late.

Last year's regional champions, Woonona, had a comfortable 7-1 win over Smith's Hill.

A hat-trick by centre-forward Steven Smart and two each from Shane Hawken and Robert Bemi completed Woonona's tally.

To their credit, Smith's Hill battled for the whole game and John North got some consolation with a long goal for his side.

Down the far South Coast, Moruya and Narooma treated spectators to a game that had plenty of spirit and determination.

However, Moruya held the upper hand for most of the match with captain David Crapp, Robert Collins and Paul Nguyen outstanding.

For Narooma, defender Patrick Slark tried hard while right winger Greg Kohlmeier finished off a good game by scoring his side's lone goal.

The final score was Moruya 3, Narooma 1.

The powerful Corrimall High moved on to meet arch-rivals Woonona in the second round by easily accounting for Wollongong High 4-1 at Police Boys Oval.

Warren Lynch scored two fine goals while Kevin Cassenego and Billy Seknlovski got the remainder.

Crookwell High had a good 2-0 win over neighbours Goulburn. The goal scorers for Crookwell were Jason Greenwood and Peter Stephenson.

The game was a hard-fought encounter with Crookwell's keeper Michael Angelosanti being their star player. He was ably supported by Steven Greenwood and Dale Crocker.

Goulburn, for their part, never stopped trying and good performances were put in by Sam Reed and Graham Horner.

Lake Illawarra overcome windy conditions to defeat Kiama 3-1. However, they not only had to contend with the weather — they also had to overcome an early goal by Greg Potts.

Mineo Bonetig replied before half-time to ensure the honours were evenly shared at the break.

Unfortunately Potts, who was causing Lake Illawarra all sorts of bother, was injured early in the second half and his loss deflated the Kiama boys.

Goals by Frank Turski and Stuart MacKender wrapped up the game for the Lakes.

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QUEENSLAND PLAN CHANGES FOR 1986

THE Queensland Soccer Federation could invite the Socceroos to play in Brisbane as a replacement for next year's interstate clash with New South Wales.

But the plan would be dependent on Australia qualifying for the World Cup Finals in Mexico and would hinge on Frank Arok's preparation plans.

The QSF is very keen for the annual interstate series with the Blues to continue, but if the Socceroos go to Mexico, it could make next season's interstate

clash awkward to schedule and difficult to promote.

This season's match with NSW on Anzac Day, which the Blues won 3-1, was a promotional success for the QSF. And the date was seemingly suitable to all soccer organisations.

But with the World Cup starting on May 31 next year, and the necessity for all teams to begin acclimatising to the high altitude at least a month prior to that, NSW's Socceroo stars may not be available for an April 25 interstate match.

And, Anzac Day next year is a Friday, making a long weekend.

"There is no way we would even attempt to promote an interstate game without international players on the first day of a long weekend," QSF secretary Alan Vessey said.

The alternatives facing the Queensland Soccer Federation are to switch the interstate game to a pre or end-of-season clash, or offer Australia a warm-up match on the eve of their departure.

"I have no doubts that a game between Australia and Queensland would draw a

huge crowd in Brisbane. And I am sure that Frank Arok knows that Bruce Stowell's team would give the Socceroos a fair but tough workout," Brusasco said.

"I don't want to let the interstate series lapse again as it has been a great success since we revived it three years ago, but we have to make decisions that are in the best interest of Queensland and Australian soccer.

"If we can keep representative soccer going in Queensland and help the Socceroos at the same time, then everyone will benefit."

AMATEUR ARCHER STEPS UP

QUEENSLAND full-back Glen Archer has begun trialling with Brisbane City and could make his NSL debut soon.

Archer, a Grange Thistle Premier League player, began training at Spencer Park last week.

The 21-year-old was the only amateur in the 14-man squad which took on NSW at Perry Park last month.

It was City coach Jim Hermiston whom Archer replaced in the seventh minute of the clash after the Scotsman went off injured.

Archer, a former state Youth player, showed great enthusiasm and determination and Hermiston has no doubts the youngster has the ability to play NSL.

ATTITUDE

Archer plays at right-back or sweeper but it is as the former that he is likely to be used at City.

Although Frank Mengotti has been filling in well at full-back, City has never had a true right-back since Steve Perry.

Archer's determined attitude is shown by the fact that he repeatedly resisted opportunities to make money in the Premier League to stay an amateur, thereby making it easier for his to grasp an opportunity to play NSL whenever it arose.

And it seems opportunity has finally knocked on Archer's door.

Not surprisingly, Archer is the second player from the Lufthansa German soccer tour to achieve major representative honours.

Ipswich United defender Damien Butler, who made the trip to Hennef two years ago with George Pagan, is in the Australian Under 16 squad for the world championships in China.

"I think players like Damien and Glenn have benefitted from training in Germany in that it gave them the added confidence to come back to Australia and use all their potential," Pagan said.

REIS PULLS OUT OF FIJI TOUR

QUEENSLAND's tour of Fiji this month ran into some unexpected hitches last week when state coach Bruce Stowell found it difficult to finalise his squad.

It had been expected that the 16-man squad which prepared for the interstate clash with New South Wales, less policeman Jim Hermiston who was unavailable to tour, would make the trip to Fiji.

But a meeting of the squad saw Brisbane City striker Alan Reis withdraw because of work commitments and another player delay in signing a commitment to tour document.

The other player, a Lions defender, eventually signed but Reis, who works for the Commonwealth Government, could not obtain leave.

Stowell drafted into the squad City defen-

der Gary Bromfield, but late in the week was still considering a further addition to complete the 16.

FOUR GAMES

Queensland will leave for the 10-day tour on May 20 and could play four games while away.

The first match, in Suva, is definitely against the Fiji national team.

Another match is likely to be against a top club or representative side while the third could be a return clash in Nandi against the national side.

The fourth match is still under negotiation as it hinges on a mid-week trip to an outer island.

Up North

**GREG RUSSELL REPORTS
FROM BRISBANE**

The tour is the first by a full Queensland side in more than a decade and Stowell has made it quite clear to his players that, despite the surroundings, it will be no holiday.

"Our first priority will be to play football and I would even venture to say that it is the beginning of our preparations for next year's interstate clash with NSW," he said.

The group will be accompanied by QSF

president and Australian Soccer Federation senior vice-president Ian Brusasco.

REQUEST

The tour was initiated after a request by the Oceania Confederation for closer ties between Australia and the South Pacific soccer nations.

A supporters tour is accompanying the team and already considerable interest has been shown by family and friends of the players.



ALAN REIS: work commitments.

Liddell may come back

FORMER Brisbane City stopper Frank Liddell, who ignored pleas from the club to return to Australia and instead played on with Dunfermline in the Scottish Second Division, could be back here within weeks.

But the club, and the player, are still playing cat-and-mouse over Liddell's return airfare.

Liddell, whose re-entry visa expired when he didn't return to Australia in February, wants a club to sponsor him before he leaves Scotland.

But City, who refused to pay Liddell's airfare back out in February, now believe the need to re-sign the Scottish defender is not as urgent as it was in the early weeks of the season.

The club has virtually adopted the approach that if Liddell arrives on their doorstep, then they will consider negotiating. But at the same time they have retained the big stopper and put him on the transfer list at \$20,000.

Liddell retorted: "If they don't want me, then de-register me."

That would allow the Scotsman to return to Australia as a free agent, and City aren't about to agree to that.

The likely outcome of the vents is that Liddell, who has been playing regularly in Scotland, is likely to return to Australia on a holiday visa and sort his affairs out when he gets here.

At the moment City coach Jim Hermiston is refusing to get involved.

"I am very happy with the back — four I have at the moment. If the club signs another player then he will have to fight his way into the team just like anyone else," Hermiston said.

HORROR STARTS FOR BIG TWO

MOUNT GRAVATT and Ipswich United, traditionally the big two clubs in the Queensland Premier League, have had horror starts to the season and are proping up the table.

The Hawks, last year's premiers, and United, last year's grand final winners, have only two points each after four rounds.

Mount Gravatt, who are yet to score a win, have been devastated by injuries.

One weekend six regular first teamers were sidelined and, in a season where the club had a clean-out and implemented a new youth policy, that meant putting 16 and 17-year-olds into the first team to cover.

But in the long run it could reap benefits for Mount Gravatt.

PROMISING

The youngsters thrown to the wolves, players like Dominic Tonel and Brian MacNicol, have given promising performances.

The Hawks' stocks were bolstered last week with the arrival back from England of talented midfielder Martin Kirsopp, and Jim McIntyre and Mark Hairsine are back from injury.

It's been a tough time but Hawks coach Eric Thompson is not about to panic.

"Sure it's not the start I had hoped for but it certainly has brought out the character in the players and I think we are a closer team for it.

"It has taken all the pressure off us as well and I have no doubts that things will start coming together soon. It will be a different way to get into the grand final," he said.

Ipswich's problems cannot be put down to

injury, although coach Matt Carson has been rebuilding and several youngsters have been given opportunities.

United are always slow starter to the season, but never this slow.

Carson, always unruffled, also refuses to panic, and says his side's lowly position is only a matter of not concentrating and putting away the chances.

HEADLINES

"There's a long way to go yet and I can't see some of these other teams maintaining their present pace," he said.

Lions and Grange Thistle have traded the No 1 spot in recent weeks, but it has been Taringa and Easts that have dominated the headlines.

Taringa, the team that had a storming finish to the year to edge above relegation, have continued where they left off and have had only one defeat this season.

That was a 3-1 loss to Thistle but the scores were level for 80 minutes of the game.

Easts started the year poorly, but looked top four candidates on the strength of their recent wins over Ipswich United and Acacia Ridge.

Coach John Sime strengthened the Tigers squad a fortnight ago with the secret signing of former Brisbane City, Lions and Leichhardt utility player Alan Hughes.

Hughes had been holidaying in Scotland and once match-fit is certain to bolster Easts' championship hopes.

This weekend's matches see the completion of the split round with North Star hosting Ipswich United, Coalstars meeting Olympic and Mount Gravatt clashing with Grange Thistle.

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BLANCO BOOSTS BERRIES

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

IF Canterbury-Marrickville Olympic don't win the NSW TNT Skypak League they'll certainly come close to being rated the most skilful team in the competition.

This year, the Berries have undergone one of their biggest transformations in playing and coaching staff.

Raul Blanco, former Australian assistant coach at Youth and senior level, has taken hold of the reins and is developing one of the most skilful teams to represent Canterbury in recent years.

Blanco joined Canterbury from Parramatta Melita during the off-season in what was considered one of the club's major coups in their so far unsuccessful State League career.

ABILITY

Along with Blanco came the South American talents of Marcos Silva, Nelio Borges, Carlos Ortega and Eddie Pena, as well as Irishman Paul Kirwan and former Australian Youth goalie Chris Hummel.

No-one doubts Blanco's ability in skills coaching.

After leaving South America, he joined Prague during the hey-day of the State League competition and proved to be one of the best ball-players to grace the Australian soccer scene.

Watching Blanco train his charges is an interesting experience.

One prominent aspect which stands out, naturally, is his emphasis on ball skill and control and to a lesser degree shooting.

Blanco's techniques appear to surprise the players as well as the small contingent of supporters who watch them go through their motions.

It's refreshing to observe an Australian-based coach emphasising the importance of ball control.

In recent years, Australian soccer has gained an "English" look about it.

PHYSICAL

How many games have soccer followers watched where teams continually pump long balls from one side of the field to the other with a constant trend to the physical aspect of the game?

Sure, Australian players aren't world-renowned for their skills. In recent matches national coach Frank Arok has



RAUL BLANCO: developing skill.

shown a tendency to pick "physical" players in his side.

Blanco doesn't fail to disappoint when it comes to goalkeeping training, which has long been one of the most neglected areas in Australian soccer.

Both goalkeepers, Hummel and Ali El Zein, are always used whether it be in shooting practice, attacking moves or in single raids at the goal.

"I love training at Canterbury," Hummel said. "Raul makes you feel like you could keep going all night."

If a player shoots wide or makes a mis-

take at training, Blanco is quick to pull him aside and advise him on how to overcome his faults.

PRESENCE

One youngster who has benefitted from Blanco's presence is first grade squad member George Kalegoras.

Early last year Kalegoras tried to join Melita's NSL Youth League side but decided to stay with Canterbury.

I'm sure Kalegoras didn't expect to link up with Blanco just a year later.

CAMPBELL: THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE OF MANLY'S QUEST

BY FRANK COLETTA

EVERY side has a star and Manly Warringah are no different.

Their man? It's no contest . . . Jimmy Campbell.

To see this livewire parade and perform the State League circus is to marvel at the midfield riches the NSL must contain.

This 24-year-old sheet metal worker is certainly "one that got away."

At this stage his regrets are few, but he does confess to one letdown.

MOMENTS

"I'm certainly disappointed at missing out on the opportunity to play full-time professional football," the young Scot said.

"But there have been great moments to combat this disappointment, such as the time I played in the Dee Why v Manly match against the legendary George Best, and then to score in that match . . . well it was something else."

There should be many more feelings on that sphere for the sturt, 5'7" tall midfielder.

Coach Richard Alagich is impressed by the fact that Campbell gives 100 percent and more every time he takes the paddock, no matter the circumstance.

He singles out Manly's first round loss to Fairy Meadow: "Once again Campbell was our best, continually trying something. He was our lone up-to-standard player."

Indeed Campbell has probably gone over any premium

target he may have set himself for this season. He has displayed that rare but unique ability to combine skill, creativity and trojan-like defence, something English captain Bryan Robson, Campbell's favourite all-time player Kenny Dalglish, Italy's Ben Vignola and Bruno Conti all seem to possess.

Coaches search valiantly for the player who can combine defence and attack with a minimum of fuss. They are truly "a dime a dozen" but Jimmy Campbell seems to be one such exponent of this difficult art.

PROMINENT

For Manly's sake, they better hope they grab promotion to the NSL this year because Campbell may well find himself in more prominent surroundings in the not-too-distant future.

Campbell is a very down-to-earth fellow and one who likes a laugh. And laugh he did when answering a recent questionnaire.

He answered the question as to who was his favourite actor with: "It would have to be Mark Holloway!"

His choice of most promising team-mate at Manly was: "Tom Steven."

As to the one about his luckiest break ever, he replied: "That's an easy one. Getting a pass from Bobby Pagano once!"

To top it off, his



JIMMY CAMPBELL: Manly dynamo.

superstition is: "To put my boots on before every game."

Certainly indicative of a player who lets his boots to do his talking for him out on the field.

TAKACS SHOCK

BY FRANK COLETTA

IN a week of high drama at the Rockdale Ilinden club, coach Iliya Takacs resigned for alleged health reasons.

In an article in the SYDNEY SUN, Takacs claimed he could no longer continue in the position.

Takacs's resignation came as a big shock to all concerned with Rockdale.

Club secretary Simon Serbinovski spoke about the resignation.

"It was certainly a shock to the system. The reason given to me by Takacs himself was that he is suffering from some sort of kidney complaint and will probably enter hospital in three weeks."

"I tend to think otherwise, though. Certainly there are bound to be a few rumblings within the club at any time but if there was any serious problem, I certainly wasn't aware of it. In short, we did not appreciate the manner in which he left."

"In the article in THE SUN he claimed he apparently had to win some sort of personal battle with the board. He practically boasted of having made the club into what it is today which, to say the least, is a complete fallacy."

With Rockdale now languishing in eighth spot on the TNT Skypak League ladder Serbinovski brought to light an interesting thought.

"To me it seemed he was becoming increasingly frustrated at not being able to field the strongest possible side."

"Throughout these early rounds up to eight players have been missing at one time."

"It is not as if we did not attempt to strengthen our squad. We chased three players and unfortunately all the deals fell through. But at least we tried."

"What is so much more disappointing is that we have a fair few injured fellows on the way back or already in the side such as David Forrester and Jimmy Rivstevski."

As to rumours that former Australian stars Atti Abonyi and Johnny Watkiss are prime targets for the coaching position, Serbinovski would not be drawn into naming anyone.

"We are definitely negotiating with someone but nothing is certain yet. For now Paul Degney has taken over as caretaker-coach but will not play for a little while because of a chipped bone in his knee."

ROOTY HILL CLIMB UP THE LADDER

BY GEORGE CHURCHWARD

FEW clubs in the New South Wales Soccer Federation have as good a record as Rooty Hill.

Entering the Federation in 1977 as Namatjira Soccer Club in Premier Division 7, they have in their eight years progressed to State League Division 3.

In fact, so strong were they on entering the Federation ranks they went 64 matches before the club tasted defeat at the hands of Padstow Park in 1979.

The club has always had strong administrators, such as Pat Henry, Ernie Kacir, Jacob Verway, Bill Morris and two stalwarts who have been with the club since its formation as St Marys City in 1973 — Eddie and Wes Sawina.

Although newly-promoted to Third Division, the club was honoured when Wes Sawina was

elected chairman of the Third Division sub-committee.

During their years in the Federation, Rooty Hill has had a succession of good coaches and this season Ken Lindsay has been reappointed.

With his experience in the NSL with Wests, Marconi and Penrith, the club is confident of continuing its success.

A well-appointed ground at Cawarra Park, Rooty Hill, the amenities and playing surface compare favourably with some better-known clubs.

The club is building up a strong junior section, under the guidance of former secretary Greg John, participating in the Blacktown District Association. Five teams took out honours in 1984.

With continued sound management, the club is well on the way to realising its ultimate goal of playing in State League Division 1.

ROCKDALE BOUNCE BACK FOR DRAW

KU-RING-GAI..... 1
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ROCKDALE ILINDEN were able to push aside all the drama they encountered this past week to earn a very creditable 1-1 draw away to Ku-ring-gai.

With the shock resignation of coach Iliya Takacs during the week, Rockdale would have been excused if they had not performed up to scratch yesterday, but caretaker-coach Paul Degney was not looking to show any sort of leniency on his troops.

However, Degney's side can consider themselves a trifle fortunate that the Ku-ring-gai forwards did not have their scoring boots with them on the day.

The culprits were mainly in the shape of Robbie McKeegan and partner-in-crime Mark Nile. They squandered no less than five out-and-out chances and count-ess half chances.

Though one would not have guessed Ku-ring-gai would have such a terrible day in front of goal after they had opened the scoring after only seven minutes when a run by McKeegan down the left flank saw him outrun his marker and whip in a deadly cross which Lee Sutherland netted with an inch-perfect header between the goalpost and keeper.

Rockdale's new acquisition, striker Triantafyllou, produced a welcome touch of class about his side's play but as most of the players seemed to battle the energy-sapping ground.

The Parklands surface was relatively dry but what surface water there had been had got underneath the generous covering of grass and turned the match into a real battle of the fittest.

Rockdale's equaliser was worked nicely by Triantafyllou, who beat several defenders to present Ian Ferguson with a simple tap-in.

Before the break there was time for both Chris Quigley and McKeegan to miss good scoring opportunities and for Ku-ring-gai to go to the sheds rueing their forwards' clumsiness.

Ku-ring-gai continued to play the game at a furious pace following the interval that in the final wash-up could have brought about their downfall.

With five minutes remaining the never-ending running of Rockdale centre-forward Ross Brown almost earned him the two points. He distributed to replacement Ristevski who crossed to Brown, who was only denied in brilliant fashion by David Curtis, the very promising Ku-ring-gai keeper.

Man of the match: **ROSS BROWN** for producing a match that is the epitome of Ross Brown — running all day and continually looking to set up his supporters.

KU-RING-GAI: Curtis, Kevern, Goldsworthy, Bertram, Jesse, Sutherland, Quigley, Ellem, Bennett, Nile (Bass 87), McKeegan (Hunter 87).

ROCKDALE: Kotzahombos, Blackburn, D. Wilson, G. Wilson, Pilovski, Ristevski, Papas, Slavski, Ferguson (Bootes 86), Brown, Triantafyllou (Ristevski 57).

BY FRANK
COLETTA

URUGUAY..... 0
MELITA 3

SIX yellow cards and a sending-off highlighted the Melita v Uruguay Auburn match at Mona Park which the Eagles took out 3-0.

It was a case of Melita being the walking wounded after a match in which they encountered a vigorous Uruguay side.

The worst incident came late in the second half.

With just 10 minutes remaining, Melita midfielder Billy Griffiths had to be taken off after he had been allegedly elbowed in the face. He was taken to hospital requiring several stitches in a cut above the eye.

Still not showing their true colours, Melita were able to coast in, scoring the opening goal after a blockbusting Ray Farrugia drive was only parried by keeper Rosano, leaving Don Allan with an open goal to tap the ball home.

The second came following an interchange of passes between Kenny Wilson and Allan, whose resulting shot left Barry Walker with a simple chance.

The coup de grace was added by Walker when he met a Lenny Vial cross with a powerful header into the top corner.

Melita's injury worries have been further compounded by a possible hamstringing tear to veteran winger Peter Hensman.

Uruguay centre-forward Tony Oshana was the man sent off. He had received the yellow card early on for a foul on Melita full-back Jay O'Rourke and later earned the wrath of the referee when he committed another bookable offence and was sent on his way.

Melita were also handicapped in that they had to play the last 10 minutes with only 10 men because of the injury sustained by Griffiths and both substitutes had been brought on.

MELITA: Mullen, B. McPherson, O'Rourke, Wilson, McAusland, Griffiths, Farrugia, Laing, Walker, Allan (Williams 70), Hensman (Vial 20).

URUGUAY: Rosano, Hastie, Krslovic, Jones, Folladosa, Cuba (Meneses), Fernandez, Rodas, Oshana, Kadriki, Pagano (Carizzo).

AVALA.....4
WARRINGAH0

SPURRED on by machine-like work from Ray Carney, Avala steamrolled a weak Warringah outfit 4-0.

From the outset it was obvious that Vic Dalgleish's men had too much for their opposition both in strength and skill.

Avala were never troubled and only hard times can be foreseen for a very second-rate Warringah outfit.

Glen Jeffrey opened the account for his side after 12 minutes when he beat keeper Dean with little or no effort.



ROSS BROWN



PETER HENSMAN

Carney then grabbed a hotly-disputed goal when he took a direct free-kick before the referee had blown his whistle. The ball rocketed in and the goal stood.

Ten minutes after the resumption winger Tim Andersen got his name on the score-sheet following a poor piece of defence by Warringah.

Fittingly Carney ended it all with superb drive into the net from outside the area.

MANLY2
CANTERBURY1

IN front of yet another super State League crowd, Manly Warringah defeated Canterbury-Marrickville 2-1 at Cromer Park.

Highlighted by two delightful Manly goals, this match was always the Seaside's for the taking as they continually marauded the Canterbury goalmouth, in turn producing some world-class saves from Chris Hummel.

After 11 minutes Robbie Stuart, the Manly

winger, strode away effortlessly down the left, reached the byline, stood on the ball and cheekily waited for support to show itself.

It came in the form of Steve Leak, who received a beautiful cross from Stuart to scissor kick a volley past a bewildered Hummel.

Manly were generally on top throughout but were unable to turn their superiority into any distinct advantage as Canterbury grimly stuck to their guns.

Finally Manly were able to break when Wayne Pierce and Tom Steven sent Bobby Pagano scooting down the wing. With everyone including Hummel and his defenders expecting a cross, Pagano cheekily chipped the ball into the far corner.

Canterbury scored a consolation goal 14 minutes from time but it was too little too late.

MANLY: Barker, Pagano, S. Dick, J. Dick, Foy, Pierce (Holloway 81), Steven, Campbell, Stuart, Leak (Fox 78), Murray.

CANTERBURY: Hummel, Antonopoulos, Hantzis, Pena, Ethlamidis, Ortega, Silva, Sternlatis, Dounis, Borges, Kirwan.

NSW TNT SKYPAK LEAGUE

TNT SKYPAK LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Parramatta Melita	4	4	0	0	14	2	8
Avala	4	3	1	0	10	3	7
Sutherland	3	2	1	0	7	2	5
Fairy Meadow	4	2	1	1	6	4	5
Manly Warringah	4	2	1	1	5	3	5
Ku-ring-gai	4	1	3	0	4	2	5
Canterbury-M'ville	5	1	2	2	14	12	4
Rockdale Ilinden	4	1	2	1	4	4	4
Uruguay Auburn	4	0	2	2	3	9	2
Warringah N'been	4	1	0	3	1	10	2
Bankstown National	3	0	0	3	1	7	0
Polonia	3	0	0	3	2	10	0

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Manly Warringah v Cant-M'ville Oly	2-1	3-1	1-3
Ku-ring-gai v Rockdale Ilinden	1-1	2-2	3-0
Uruguay Auburn v Melita Eagles	0-3	2-6	3-0
Avala v Warringah N'been	4-0	aban	aban

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Bathurst '75 v Artamon	3-3	3-3	2-0
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INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Spanish Club v West Park United	0-2	3-0

INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

Green Valley v Maroubra United	4-0	2-0
Macarthur United v Liverpool City	0-0	3-2
Pagewood v Wentworth Waratah	3-1	2-1
Chelsea v Macquarie University	1-0	1-1
Hawkesbury District v Trasandinos Sports	0-1	1-7

INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

Concord Juniors v Chullora	3-1	1-1
Dulwich Hill v Rangers Hadjuk	2-2	2-0
Sydney Maccabi v Rosebery	2-5	1-2

INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

Lithgow Workmens v Murray Farm Rangs	0-0	2-3
Lansvale United v Greenisland	0-4	1-2
Colo Colo v Argentinian Lid	3-2	5-1
Petersham Lusitanos v Blacktown Workers	13-0	6-2

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

SATURDAY MAY 11:

ROCKDALE ILINDEN v BANKSTOWN NAT HURSTVILLE OVAL
WARRINGAH N'BEEN v URUGUAY N'BEEN FITNESS CAMP

SUNDAY MAY 12:

MELITA EAGLES v FAIRY MEADOW MELITA STADIUM
S'LAND SHIRE v MANLY WARRINGAH SEYMOUR SHAW PARK
CANT-M'VILLE OLY v KU-RING-GAI ARLINGTON OVAL
POLONIA v AVALA CHOPIN PARK

SECOND DIVISION

SATURDAY MAY 11:

Penrith United v Bathurst '75

Cook Park

Artamon v Blacktown United

Artamon Reserve

SUNDAY MAY 12:

W'gong Macedonia v Queens Park

Berkeley Sports Ground

North B'town v Campbelltown City

Potts Park

Cant & Dist v Gladesville Hornsby

Blick Oval

Dee Why Swans v SSC Yugal

Cromer Park

THIRD DIVISION

SATURDAY MAY 11:

North Ryde RSL v King Tomislav

North Ryde Oval

Granville Dist v Bondi Marine

Garside Park

University of NSW v Baulkham Hills

Little Bay Oval

SUNDAY MAY 12:

Kingsford v Rooty Hill

Turruwul Park

Moorebank L'pool v Port Hacking

Hammondville Park

Mt Druitt Town v Campbelltown Dist

Popondetta Park

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

WEDNESDAY MAY 15:

MELITA EAGLES v AVALA MELITA STADIUM
Second Grade 6pm, First Grade 7.45pm
(Third Grade on Thursday May 16 at 6pm)

SUNDAY MAY 19:

FAIRY MEADOW v WARRINGAH MEMORIAL PARK (Corrimal)
MANLY WARRINGAH v MELITA EAGLES CROMER PARK
KU-RING-GAI v SUTHERLAND SHIRE PARKLANDS OVAL
ROCKDALE ILINDEN v CANT-M'VILLE HURSTVILLE OVAL
URUGUAY AUBURN v POLONIA MONA PARK
BANKSTOWN NATIONAL v AVALA JENSEN PARK

JUNIOR SCENE



Compiled by
Keith Gilmour

BLACKTOWN HELP OUT WITH KIDS

BLACKTOWN CITY achieved two purposes when they ran the Mini Demon Fun Cup at their home games.

The little fellows in Under 6 have a run in small-sided games and the crowd gets some fine entertainment.

Two crossfield games are played at the one time, using red conical markers as makeshift goalposts.

Recently we saw boys from Kings Cangle, Prospect United, Blacktown Workers and Blacktown United in action.

And what a time they had!

Sports medicine awareness is important in junior soccer

BY BRAD EARL

THERE is a need for increased knowledge of sports medicine in soccer, and two doctors went a long way to improving the awareness of junior coaches and committee members at a special function at Blacktown City Soccer Club last week.

Organised by Mrs Win Boyden of Greystanes Soccer Club, the function brought together many people with a keen interest in junior sport.

Dr Bill Webb, a sports doctor who takes a special interest in soccer through his work for Blacktown City, and Dr Gordon Treble, a lecturer at Macarthur Institute, were speakers at the function.

Other guest speakers were NSW Soccer Federation president John Constantine, NSW amateur Soccer Federation president Ian Holmes, and NSW director of coaching Alan Vest.

Dr Webb said it is important for coaches to develop observational skills to be able to pinpoint injuries early.

TREATMENT

"The idea is to alert you that there's a physical problem before a complaint has even been made," Dr Webb said.

The only treatment he advises is the application of ice for any sort of injury.

"This will help in reducing inflammation, reducing bleeding and relieving pain."

He warns against the use of spray cans, rubs and heat treatment.

Dr Webb said many soccer injuries with children are related to the growth of bones.

"Growth centres are near the ends of bones and therefore obviously very close to joints which also involve ligaments, tendons and muscles. When kids complain of joint pain consistently, you should listen to them and have them assessed," Dr Webb advised.

Soccer places stresses on the lower limbs, and the majority of injuries he sees involve the knee and the knee cap, particularly from the ages of 11 to 15.

Stresses and strains involved with turning and kicking and impact forces are responsible for many lower limb injuries.

FLEXIBILITY

"Kids are not flexible because bones grow faster than ligaments, tendons and muscles," Dr Webb said.

"Therefore it is important to have stretching and flexibility programmes as part of training."

Dr Webb said it has only recently been recognised in Australia that sports medicine doctors should influence coaching and training

programmes to attempt to avoid sporting injuries.

He says a coach should be able to recognise the problem, make an informed judgment about immediate treatment and then to be aware of the sort of people the player should be referred to.

When a player receives treatment from a doctor or suitably qualified person, there are five steps the coach and parents should be aware of.

They are:

- (1) Where the injury is, eg. muscle, tendon, ligament.
- (2) What the nature of the injury is, ie. a bruise, tear or sprain.
- (3) How it affects function.
- (4) Understanding the treatment.
- (5) Understanding rehabilitation and the eventual return to sport.

SKILLS TRAINING

Dr Webb said the Australian Sports Medicine Federation has a national scheme for sports trainers with courses held over two levels.

Dr Treble made particular reference to training and coaching in his address.

Expanding upon Dr Webb's information about the weakness of children's joints, Dr Treble said it is dangerous doing strength training prior to puberty as well as being a waste of time.

He said there is some value in fitness training, but highlighted the greater significance of skills training.

Dr Treble's advice is based on knowledge he has gained from all football codes. He has been involved in soccer for some years through his 16-year-old son, who plays for North Rocks Soccer Club.

He often sees coaches in all codes of football giving player running training over long distances, in which he sees little point.

"Soccer involves sprints over 10, 20, 30 and 40 metres. You do it in games so you should do it at training," he said.

However, he added that young children haven't got the ability to sustain sprinting for very long.

"Not enough coaches place importance on style of running and particularly neck position," he said.

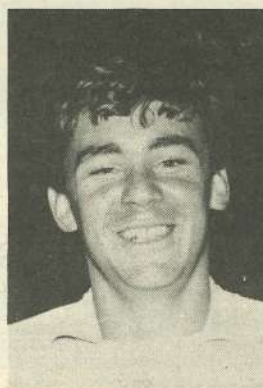
Dr Treble concluded with some extremely worthy advice to the coaches and officials present.

"Don't encourage kids to play one sport almost 12 months of the year. Soccer will be the winner of you DON'T do that."

NEPEAN U16 YOUTH LEAGUE PLAYERS



ANDREW BLOW
keeper



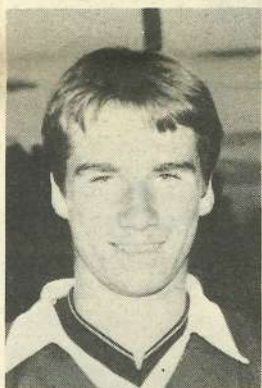
MIKE MAURER
keeper



PETER BENNETT
right-back
state U13, 14, 15



DEAN STAJIC
left-back



JASON WHANT
sweeper
state U13, 14, 15



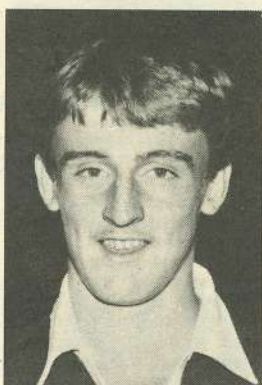
BRETT BUDWEE
stopper



DARYL PAULING
defender



JOHN NEIL
defender



CHRIS ACKERLEY
midfield
state U13



DARREN FRATT
midfield



SCOTT ASHTON
midfield
state U13



TREVOR DALEY
left midfield
state U14, 15



DEAN MAHER
utility
state U14



ANDREW FARRELL
striker



GRANT McARDLE
striker



DAVID MALLIJA
striker

SCHOOLBOYS WILL PLAY TITLES ON ARTIFICIAL TURF

THE 1985 Australian Schools Soccer Championships will be played on an artificial surface this year for the first time.

The series will be held in Canberra — another first — and will be contested on the Polygrass surface at the Australian Institute of Sport.

The dates are from September 2-6 and Peter Weddell from the ACT Schools Authority, which is organising the games, is pleased with the way things are developing.

He is hopeful that South Australia will attend.

The Croweaters



have not been permitted to enter because their Education Department feels that the schools series duplicates other Australian Championships, but

there could be a change of heart.

South Australian director of coaching Mike Wells certainly hopes so.

He wants to have South Australian schoolboys eligible for selection for Australian Schools' England and Wales tour in January 1986.

Approaches have been made to ASF executive director Brian Emery for the Australian Schools to play an early game before one

of the matches against overseas teams in late July.

Amongst the players who could represent Australian Schools are Martin Driene (Marconi) and Ernie Tapai (Footscray).

Arrangements are also going ahead for the Australian Schoolboys to play their New Zealand counterparts in Sydney next year, advises schools official Chris James.



THE multi-national young Slickers.

BACK ROW: Paul Sicari, David Lauric, Shaun Freestone, Khon Ngo, Dryl Zeiderman, Matthew Sihm, Ludwig Sevcik.

FRONT ROW: Cary Bangs, Simon Beaufils, Andrew Smith, Caleb Finks, Simon Giurrosevich, Jason Cachia, Pablo Cordozo.

ABSENT: Trent Luck, Shane Jarvis.

RIGHT FORMULA FOR SLICKERS

TAKE 16 boys of 10 different nationalities: Australian, English, Italian, South Vietnamese, West Indian, Maltese, Argentinian, Yugoslavian, Austrian and Irish.

Add an Irish coach, a British assistant coach and an Hungarian manager and what do you have?

The successful formula to produce a top young soccer team — in this instance it is the Sydney City Under 13 Youth League side.

In less than six months, the team, under the guidance of coach John Doyle and his assistant Steve Bangs, the boys have melded into a force to be reckoned with.

This was shown in the Mini Ampol Cup competition when these talented boys won through to the finals, only to lose out on a "goal scored for" count-back.

Their disappointment at being placed in the C grade competition can be understood when you realise that they have defeated Division A team Marconi 1-0 and Granville 6-0.

Add to this the fact that they led their division after four competition games with four wins, having scored 20 goals whilst conceding only two!

Unfortunately the boys will not receive the opposition, and thereby the chance to improve both their game and skills, but they have not been lulled into a sense of complacency.

They know they have to train hard and play

their best in every match and they will hopefully have the chance to play the winners from Groups A and B at the end of the competition.

The team received a very big setback with the loss of their goalkeeper David Lauric with a broken leg.

David is a contender for the state team, but an accident playing rugby league at school has sidelined him for the next six weeks.

The boys wish to improve their game, and realise the chance to play teams of a high standard can only be an advantage to them.

Therefore they are asking for any clubs who wish to participate in friendly matches with them to please contact their manager, Steven Serda, on (02) 698 7988 to arrange suitable dates and venues.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SOCCER CUP RESULTS

RIVERSTONE 1 (G. Belcastro)
MERRYLANDS 0.
Best players:

Riverstone: Scott Beazley, Darren Lewington, Jack Bolljes.
GRIFFITH 4 (Marco Liebsch 2, Anthony Febo, Mark Dall'est) d LEETON 0.

Best players:
Griffith: M. Baquero (back), E. Rossi (midfield), M. Clebsch (midfield), A. Quan (midfield).

YUGAL'S REFEREE 'FLOOD'

IT never rains but what it pours, but there was a new twist to the old story when Yugal played Campbelltown at Jellicoe Park, Pagewood, on Saturday.

Jellicoe Park's sandy surface makes it without peer as a wet weather ground and it literally rained referees there on Saturday.

Sydney Yugal official Ron Taliana said: "Referees appointments officer Bill Lodge could only rustle up one referee for us in the first place.

"Local referees were booked to officiate in other areas — ours were sent to Bates Drive.

"They came to Jellicoe Park because the games there were rained off.

"Next thing we found the Macarthur referees arriving to help out. They know we were short and their games were off.

"In the long run we had a flood of six officials for our games."

When the games went on, Yugal defeated Campbelltown 2-1 in Under 14 and lost out in the other three grades.

Although the record rain was over, only three grounds — Jellicoe, Arlington Oval and Ponderosa Park — could be used.

Ponderosa Park, Camden, has the advantage of having an absorbent slag base underneath.

The extent to which Canterbury-Marrickville has improved was evident when they gained two draws with high-flyers Marconi and only lost the other games 1-0.

Director of coaching Rale Rasic said: "We are playing in the shadow of big-name clubs such as Apia Leichhardt, Sydney Olympic and St George.

"It is not that we are not after results, the position is that we have the other objectives as well.

"We go out to play football and looked and act like footballers.

"Look at our Under 15 team under Bill Boskovski. The results are not coming yet on play they are one of the better teams in their competition."

Rasic has brought together a strong team

Meanwhile, Gladesville-Hornsby in Group B are still over the moon about their clean sweep in round four.

At home on Pioneer Park, the U16s defeated Sydney Croatia 2-0 with Andrew King and Karl Bringoff the scorers.

This win completed a whitewashing of Croatia.

The U15 team won 1-0. Captain Scott Egelton made his best of the circumstances. After breaking an arm he was promoted to assistant coach so

YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 6 GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
C'bury-M'ville v Marconi	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-1

GROUP C

Macarthur v Bathurst '75	6-1	7-0	9-0	0-1
Yugal v Campbelltown	0-5	2-1	2-3	1-3

All other matches deferred due to ground conditions.

that his keen interest could be maintained.

The U14 team finished 1-0 ahead thanks to a great shot from Richard Moscato.

And in U13 the local team gradually got its act together to win 2-0 with second half goals

from Brad McIndoe and Chris Drouza.

of coaches for the grades.

John Djordjevic has the Under 16s, Doug Utjesenovic Under 14s and former Canterbury full-back Greg Brown the 13s.

U18 NATIONAL TITLES DRAW

THE Under 18 National Championships kick-off at Parklea soccer headquarters tomorrow (Tuesday).

The Parklea complex is located on the corner of Meurants Lane and Old Windsor Rd.

Two matches will be played at the same time on adjacent fields.

The draw is:

TUESDAY:

9am — Qld v NSW; Tas v Vic.
2pm — SA v WA; ACT v NSW.

WEDNESDAY:

9am — Qld v Tas; NSW v Vic.
2pm — SA v ACT; WA v NSW.

THURSDAY:

9am — NSW v Tas; Qld v Vic.
2pm — SA v NSW; WA v ACT.

FRIDAY:

PLAY-OFF MATCHES — 10am 7 v 8; 10am 6 v 5; 10.30am 4 v 3.
FINAL — 1pm.

SUCCESS FOR EX-RAVENS

A GROUP of ex-members of Gladesville Ravens Soccer Club got together to keep themselves active in sport.

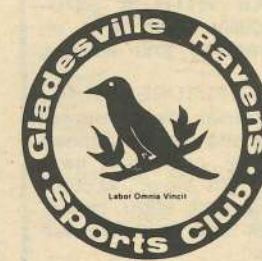
They entered the popular Epping YMCA indoor soccer competition and won the final by defeating Monier Tiles 6-1.

Prior to that they won the grand final of the St Andrews Summer Cup six-a-side.

On this occasion it took them into extra-time to score a 1-0 win over Leichhardt.

They added to that a win in a B grade touch rugby competition.

The players who achieved it all were Mark Balwin, Craig Bass, Grant Buckingham, Dave Butt, Joe Giovelli, Jim Harrison, Glen Feffrey, David Keverne, David Naylor, Gerry Nole, Keith Robwell and Stephen Shackman.



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International Profile



JIM SELBY

JIM SELBY, 32, was Australian national coach for the past eight years and led Australia in Taiwan's World Women's Invitational Tournament last December.

However, Jim was late with his application for re-appointment as national coach earlier this year and missed selection.

"I have mixed memories over the last few years, but things on a national basis look much better than they were say six years ago," Selby said.

"But there is still a very long way to go and much work to do.

"Officials involved in women's soccer should never let their egos get bigger or outgrow the players or the game. They should always remember that they're the officials in the game because of the players, who would still be playing despite us."

Jim is married to former international player Connie and the couple have two young sons.

They live in Bundaberg, Queensland, where Jim is employed as a regional director of coaching.

Under the Selby regime, Australia came sixth in the first World Women's Tournament in 1978. Last year, Australia finished fifth in the same tournament.

"The overall world standard of women's soccer has improved dramatically in the last six years," Selby said.

Selby readily admits he is a bad loser, especially when the squad under his control is wearing the Green and Gold and even more so when his team is overseas.

DATE OF BIRTH: June 5, 1952.

BIRTHPLACE: Botany, Sydney.

HEIGHT: 5'7".

PLAYING POSITIONS: Striker or right winger.

OCCUPATION: Full-time regional director of coaching.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Guildford, Ingleburn, Macquarie Fields, Clarence Valley, Campbelltown City, Southern Districts.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Donna Sumner and Australian patriotic songs of any kind.

FAVOURITE FILM STARS: No-one special.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: John Kosmina, Alan Davidson, Julie Dolan, Susan Monteath, Kim Lembyrk and the Millman sisters.

FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYERS: Kevin Keegan, Trevor Brooking, Franz Beckenbauer, Zico, all for their creativeness.

WHAT IMPRESSED YOU MOST AT THE WORLD TOURNAMENT IN TAIWAN: The overall extremely high standard of soccer and dedication by all the national teams. Both Taiwanese sides plus of course the champions West Germany were excellent.

Organisation of the entire tournament, both on and off the pitch was magnificent. I've been to two of them and came away with lasting memories.

WHAT DO YOU HATE MOST WHEN TRAVELLING OVERSEAS WITH A SOCCER TEAM: Losing, especially when it is an Australian team that is overseas and wearing the Green and Gold.

ADVICE TO OFFICIALS FOR FUTURE TOURS: Have a well-planned national development programme with strategies and goals defined and implemented nationally over the next four years starting from right now. Accompany this with a pre-tournament team preparation of at least one week and then we will be in with a fighting chance.

WOMEN'S SOCCER WITH JOHN ECONOMOS

RON COUGHEY: FROM CYCLING TO SOCCER

RON COUGHEY, NSW Women's Amateur Soccer Federation president, only entered the administration of the sport four years ago but he hasn't let the grass grow under his feet.

He joined up when the youngest of his six daughters took to soccer and now he is employing his considerable business acumen and sports knowledge in the code.

Ron is a very well-known Ryde businessman with many interests.

Originally from New Zealand, he represented his country of birth in both the 1956 and 1960 Olympics as a cyclist.

In 1966 he was in Australia en route to South Africa to take up a business appointment in Capetown, when the Prime Minister of the republic was assassinated and p a n d e m o n i u m reigned.

All thoughts of the trip vanished as Ron made a snap decision to settle in Australia.

He and his wife Lyn have six daughters and one son, which gives them a real stake in the country.

His relaxed style of conducting meetings has led many in the game to underestimate his potential to increase its standing.

With the NSW all-age representative team due to play in Melbourne this year and the Under 15s and 17s in Hobart, the Cougheys leave no stone unturned to see that all goes well.

Two weeks ago, they flew to Melbourne and Hobart to check out accommodation and facilities. Nothing has been left to chance.

A similar position is taken with the Association's finances.

In 1983 a decision was made to subsidise state players' fares to Perth and that has led to temporary deficit financing.

"This matter is under control and we will soon move into the black," Ron said.

A close watch is kept on the budget and rumours that the NSWWSAF cannot handle its 1985 levy to the Australian body are wide of the mark.

Mr Coughey said: "The money is available except for \$600, a shortfall which occurred because we deliberately did not burden the girls with the extra AWSA levy to help set up their office."

"This extra money will be available by the due date in May."

Questioned over problems with the constitution, he said that the existing one had been suspended and then temporarily restored.

"There were too many holes in it," he continued.

"A lot of committee work has gone into the new one which is close to completion. It will not be found to be wanting when it is brought into operation."

Under the new constitution, interstate fares and accommodation for state coaches and managers will be subsidised and not fully paid.

This will be a further aid to stabilising the financial position.

NSW is now looking forward to a big season in the ranks of the women and girls.

International Profile



FRED ROBINS

FRED ROBINS, aged 52, is the newly-elected coach of the Australian Women's National team, and travelled to Taiwan last December as Jim Selby's assistant coach for the World Women's Invitational Tournament.

Last February, the AWSA voted this likeable Englishman as the new National coach to prepare Australia for the Oceania Cup, the World Cup in 1987 and the possible international matches to be played here later this year.

"My aim as the new Australian Women's coach, is to win the next Oceania Cup tournament, to do very well in the World Cup, and I would like to enlarge on what has been done already in the past", Fred told us last night.

"But we all have to pull together. That means ALL players, ALL officials and ALL coaches associated with the Ladies' code. We are talking about a national team and that means a national effort", he concluded.

I met Fred in Taiwan during the WWIFT, and found him to be a most likeable type of fellow with an enormous sense of humour. But don't let that sense of humour fool you. He is a hard task-master, a demanding type of man, but similtaneously very fair.

DATE OF BIRTH: February 27/1933.

BIRTHPLACE: Cettering in Northamptonshire, England.

HEIGHT: 5'9".

PLAYING POSITIONS: Midfielder.

OCCUPATION: Telephone technician.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: English non-League clubs such as Avondale United and Rothwell.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Light classics.

FAVOURITE FILM STARS: John Wayne, Clint Eastwood.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Susan Monteath, Julie Dolan, Jimmy Patikas and Jim Hermiston.

FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYERS: Sir Stanley Mathews, Billy Wright, De Stefano, Ferenc Puskas, Franz Beckenbauer.

WHAT IMPRESSED YOU MOST AT THE WORLD TOURNAMENT IN TAIWAN: The very high standard of the football by the Taiwanese teams and the World champions, West Germany. I never realised that Women's soccer could possess such a high ability level.

The organisation of the Opening Ceremony and overall handling of the tournament was magnificent. It was a great credit to their nation.

WHAT DO YOU HATE MOST WHEN TRAVELLING OVERSEAS WITH A SOCCER TEAM: I get easily bored on planes and buses but accept it as part and parcel of the game. I don't like being cooped up doing nothing for too long.

ADVICE TO OFFICIALS FOR FUTURE TOURS: The officials must let people know much more about everything for a forthcoming tour. Going to Taiwan, we got surprises on the way at Manila and at Taipei City on arrival with various departure and arrival taxes. We had no idea before we left about these various taxes and got caught out. All these little things upset the travelling squad.



JULIE DOLAN, Australia's captain for the last two overseas tours by the national squad to China and Taiwan, is seen here posing with a "Mitre" promotional ball. The world-wide Mitre Company was the major sponsor of the Australian women's soccer squad that went to Taiwan for the World Women's Invitational Football Tournament.



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LATEST WORLD CUP ROUND-UP

THE MINUTES ARE TICKING AWAY

WHILE Socceroo coach Frank Arok finalises his plans and gets his team into shape, the minutes to World Cup Final series kick-off time tick away.

For in little over one year, one month and one week, the 1986 World Cup Finals will kick off at the Aztec Stadium in Mexico City.

And slowly but surely, the number of countries still chasing a place in the sun is lessening as the qualifying competition reaches its final stages.

Uruguay became the first nation to qualify alongside hosts Mexico and 1982 World Cup winners and reigning world champions Italy, who gained automatic entry to the tournament.

Last week Hungary made sure of its glory when it defeated Austria 3-0 in Vienna to wrap up the winner's spot in European qualifying Group 5.

Although the spotlight is traditionally on soccer's strongest nations in South America and Europe, there has been plenty of action this month in the African and Asian zones, with some surprising results.

The second round of the Central American zone, which includes Canada and the United States, has also just started.

The biggest upset of the African zone was Zambia's 5-2 aggregate victory to eliminate 1984 African champion Cameroon, which reached the Finals in Spain in 1982 and gained creditable draws against Poland, Peru and eventual winners Italy.

THREAT

Zambia's national teams have always been strong and fit but have lacked consistency — but its 4-1 home win and well-worked 1-1 draw in Yaounde hint that it could be a threat.

Eight teams are left in the African zone chasing two places for Mexico.

Among them is Algeria, which defeated West Germany 2-1 in Spain before being eliminated, and the others are Tunisia, Libya, Nigeria, Egypt, Morocco, Ghana and the Ivory Coast.

Morocco reached the Finals in Mexico in 1970 and Egypt took part in the 1934 World Cup in Italy.

It played one match against Hungary and lost 4-2, but of course in those days there was no qualifying competition.

It has traditionally been one of the strongest African nations, but needed a penalty shootout to squeeze past Madagascar last Sunday.

The third round starts in July.

The complex Asian qualifying tournament, comprising 26 nations in four groups split into eight sub-groups, has also been sorting itself out this month.

QUALIFY

Two countries will qualify for Mexico and four earned a place in the second round this month — the United Arab Emirates, Syria, Bahrain and Indonesia.

BY TOM ANDERSON

Qatar, whose Youth team got to the Final of the 1981 World Youth Championship, looks likely to join them.

It just needs a draw against Iraq in their final match in neutral New Delhi on May 5 to get through, and already has a morale-boosting 3-0 victory over the Iraqis under its belt.

Iran has done remarkably well to still be involved as FIFA ordered it to play all its matches away from home because of its war with Iran.

Iran would not agree to FIFA's demand to play away and was barred.

South Korea and Malaysia meet in Seoul on May 19 to decide which of that pair qualifies from their group.

Malaysia scored a 1-0 win in their first game in Kuala Lumpur last month.

The other two sub-groups — 4A and 4B — are delicately poised.

China, Hong Kong and Macao are engaged in a three-way fight in Group 4A, while Japan heads North Korea and Singapore by three points in 4B.

DRAW

Japan just needs a draw in North Korea on April 30 to make it virtually certain of its second round place.

With the winners of each sub-group playing off against each other, the only clear-cut second round match is Syria v Bahrain.

The United Arab Emirates will meet either Qatar or Iraq and Indonesia will play Malaysia or South Korea.

Honduras has already secured its place in the next round of the CONCACAF tourney, while Canada started its second round programme with two home wins this month against Haiti and Guatemala.

The United States opens its bid on May 15 when it plays Trinidad and Tobago in its sub-group, with Costa Rica as the other opponent.

The three group winners play a league system later in the year and the winner of that qualifies for Mexico.

Also starting next month is South American Group 1 which comprises Colombia, Peru, 1978 world champion Argentina and Venezuela, and Group 3 with Bolivia, three-time winner Brazil and Paraguay.

It will also be a hectic time in Europe where 16 matches are scheduled for May.

QUALIFIER

At least one more European qualifier should be known by the end of the month.

Of course the only qualifying competition which has not yet started is our own four-time Oceania group comprising Israel, Chinese Taipei, New Zealand and Australia.

That gets underway at the beginning of September with the winner of that series playing the runner-up of European Group 7 for a place in Mexico.

The winner we all hope will be Frank Arok and his Socceroos!

EL TEL IS TOP DOG IN SPAIN

IN soccer-mad Spain, Terry Venables, coach of Barcelona, is now even more revered than golf king Sevv Ballesteros.

Day after day, the newspaper carry huge stories about "El Tel", the Londoner who was unknown in Spain a year ago.

He is pictured on the left of a team poster, reproduced left. Venables was given one job when he took over at Barcelona — to win the First Division championship for the first time in 11 years.

He achieved that, with a near-record points tally, and now he can name his own terms for next season.

The doubters have all been proved wrong. Venables triumphed.

One "expert" who was surprised by Venables' success is Helenio Herrera, the former Barcelona boss who brought the club success many years ago.

When Venables was appointed last year, Herrera prophesied the Englishman would not last until Christmas.

As Venables recalls: "Herrera claimed English football had nothing to offer Spain. He told the world I was hopeless. Now he says he was the man who recommended me. It's unbelievable."

The first big decision facing Venables when he took over was ... what to do with a wayward genius called Maradona?

He told the directors to get rid of the Argentinian ace and replace him with Scotsman Steve Archibald.

It was a big decision. But it paid a big dividend.

CZECHS SMASHED BY THE GERMANS

IT was a great week for West Germany, England and Belgium in World Cup qualifying matches.

The Germans, now years ... without losing a game, had a sensational 5-1 victory over Czechoslovakia in Prague, certainly the most impressive result any team has turned in for a long time.

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GROUP 7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	5	3	0	2	6	5	6
Scotland	4	2	0	2	6	3	4
Spain	4	2	0	2	5	6	4
Iceland	3	1	0	2	2	5	2

Remaining matches: May 28 Iceland v Scotland; June 12 Iceland v Spain; September 10 Wales v Scotland; September 25 Spain v Iceland.

UK Scene



CHEERFUL CHARLIE

CHARLIE NICHOLAS, coming to the end of his second disappointing season with Arsenal, has suddenly struck top form.

The former Celtic wizard was the star of the recent 2-0 Arsenal win over bitter rivals Spurs and also scored a vital goal.

He said: "Things are coming right for me. I'm playing up-front and the team is playing well, but for a few months nothing went right."

"It was a terrible time. I was getting the wrong sort of headline away from football. Then Arsenal dropped me and I was shattered."

"Our manager Don Howe must take a lot of the credit for helping me through my bad patch. He never stopped encouraging me."

SPURS SET TO BUY

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR are ready to dive into the transfer market following their disappointing flops in recent matches.

Spurs have dropped vital championship points at home at a time when they looked serious challengers to Everton.

Now team boss Peter Shreeves says: "We need more mental steel in the side."

"At the end of the season I hope to buy two quality players and one of them could come from abroad."

Chris Waddle of Newcastle United is top of Spurs' shopping list and Max Rossis, a Frenchman, is another likely buy.

COWANS ON THE MOVE

MIDFIELDER Gordon Cowans is set for a move from Aston Villa after being dropped from the first team.

A couple of years ago, Cowans looked one of the best talents in the game but he collected a broken leg in a pre-season match in Spain.

At that time, Cowans was wanted by several Italian clubs, including Napoli.

There is still some Italian interest in the English international, but it comes from Bari, a second division club which is a nursery for Juventus.

More likely, though, Cowans will move only across Birmingham and will play at St Andrews for Birmingham City.

WATSON'S TOP OF THE POPS

ENGLAND'S DAILY STAR newspaper has been conducting a scouting analysis which it hopes will help manager Bobby Robson sort out his best England line-up.

The scouts have assessed the form of all England candidates.

They have published the names of the 15 most consistent players and they make interesting reading.

Way out front is Norwich centre-half Dave Watson with an average match rating of 8.50 out of 10.

The only other player to go better than 8 is Mark Hateley, whose form has been outstanding in Italy with AC Milan.

The other 13 "best" English players are Peter Shilton, Chris Woods, Kenny Sansom, Gary Stevens (Everton), Terry Butcher, Peter Reid, Alvin Martin, Trevor Steven,

Eric Gates, Bryan Robson, Ray Wilkins, Paul Goddard and John Barnes.

Watson, the 23-year-old Norwich defender, said: "It's lovely to hear this news about the ratings. But I don't think it has been my

best season by any means."

Watson was bought by Norwich from Liverpool reserve team in November 1980 and at that time Norwich boss Ken Brown commented: "I think Liverpool are doing us a great favour."

BRIGHTON PAY DEBTS

BRIGHTON have achieved two great goals in recent weeks — only a couple of defeats in 21 outings and, more importantly, balancing their books financially.

Brighton raised \$1,000,000 by selling

players like Steve Foster, Tony Grealish, Alan Young, Gordon Smith, Gary Howlett and Jimmy Case.

"We can now look the bank manager in the face," said manager Chris Cattlin, who feared the sort of cash crisis which almost forced Wolves and Swansea out of the game.

RANGERS EYE ANFIELD ACE

GLASGOW RANGERS are set to bid for Liverpool's Gary Gillespie.

Rangers manager Jock Wallace is expected to make several signing moves during the coming close-season.

The Ibrox defence has never been the same since captain John McClelland joined Watford in mid-season after a signing dispute with Rangers.

Wallace has already expressed the view that the side is lacking leadership and Gillespie would be seen as a potential captain of the club.

The 24-year-old central defender joined Liverpool from Coventry in 1983.

However, he has not been able to break into the Liverpool first team due to the form of internationals Alan Hansen and Mark Lawrenson.

Gillespie began his

senior career with Scottish club Falkirk.

Another player whose name has been lined with Rangers is Sunderland defender Gordon Chisholm.



JOCK WALLACE

ALL THE WEEKEND ACTION FROM BRITAIN

Gray sharpens up for Final

ANDY GRAY, Everton's Scottish international goal-poacher, seems to be getting in the mood for a big day at Wembley in the FA Cup Final against Manchester United.

Gray has been getting vital goals in recent matches and he was again on target when Everton beat Sheffield Wednesday 1-0 at Hillsborough on Saturday.

The Everton success story is repeated week after week. They are now a massive 11 points clear of second-placed Manchester United but United have played three more games.

United has no chance of taking the title. Neither has any other team, come to that.

Everton play QPR this evening and, if they win, the race will be over.

Mathematically, their Merseyside rivals, Liverpool, could catch Everton but it certainly won't happen.

Liverpool won a seven-goal thriller against Chelsea with the winning goal in their 4-3 victory coming from, naturally enough, Ian Rush.

The big talking point at Liverpool now is... can the club keep Rush in the face of huge offers from European clubs?

At the bottom end of the English First Division, Sunderland are booked for a return to the Second Division after getting another depressing defeat at the weekend.

Sunderland were hammered 4-0 by

Aston Villa at Roker Park and will join Stoke City in the big drop.

The third relegated side could be Leicester, Luton, Norwich, Ipswich, West Ham or Coventry — indicating just how desperately close the battle is for survival.

In the Second Division, Birmingham City join Oxford in winning promotion and will probably have Manchester City as fellow-travellers under the three-go-up system.

Aberdeen, having won the Scottish Premier Division in a canter, are now hoping to amass a record total of points.

They need only to draw against Morton to beat the previous record of 57 points which they created a year ago.

On Saturday, Aberdeen beat Hearts 3-0 at Tynecastle.

It was a personal triumph for Frank McDougall, who scored all three goals for the Dons although it was his first outing after spending eight weeks on the sideline.

FOOTNOTE: It was a sad Saturday for Tommy Docherty whose Wolves team is now certain of relegation to the English Third Division. Wolves lost 5-1 at Brighton, they're in rock-bottom place and have conceded 75 goals in 40 matches.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Liverpool 4 Chelsea 3; Luton 3 Arsenal 1; Norwich 0 Manchester United 1; Nottingham Forest 1 Watford 1; Queens Park Rangers 4 Leicester 3; Sheffield Wednesday 0 Everton 1; Southampton 3 Ipswich 0; Stoke 0 Newcastle 1; Sunderland 0 Aston Villa 4; Tottenham 4 Coventry 2; West Bromwich 5 West Ham 1.

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO: Birmingham 2 Cardiff 0; Blackburn 0 Portsmouth 1; Brighton 5 Wolverhampton 1; Crystal Palace 1 Middlesbrough 0; Fulham 1 Barnsley 1; Huddersfield v Sheffield United postponed (illness); Manchester City 0 Oldham 0; Oxford 1 Notts County 1; Shrewsbury 4 Grimsby 1; Wimbledon 2 Leeds 2.

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE: Bradford 2 Reading 5; Brentford 3 Preston 1; Bristol City 2 Bournemouth 0; Cambridge 1 Plymouth 1; Gillingham 3 Lincoln 2; Millwall 5 Bolton 2; Newport 1 Bristol Rovers 1; Orient 2 Derby 2; Swansea 0 Burnley 1; Walsall 0 Hull 1.

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR: Aldershot 3 Tranmere 2; Blackpool 3 Torquay 3; Bury 2 Wrexham 3; Chester 2 Stockport 1; Chesterfield 3 Crewe 1; Darlington 1 Port Vale 1; Peterborough 0 Exeter 0; Scunthorpe 2 Mansfield 2.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Celtic 0 Dundee 1; Dundee United 2 Rangers 1; Hearts 0 Aberdeen 3; Morton 1 Hibernian 2; St Mirren 1 Dumbarton 0.

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE: Airdrieonians 2 East Fife 4; Clydebank 2 St Johnstone 1; Falkirk 0 Ayr 1; Kilmarnock 2 Clyde 0; Meadowbank 2 Hamilton 4; Motherwell 2 Brechin 1; Partick 1 Forfar 1.

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO: Alloa 0 Dunfermline 0; East Stirling 0 Albion 0; Montrose 0 Stenhousemuir 0; Queen of the South 1 Arbroath 0; Raith 3 Berwick 0; Stirling 1 Cowdenbeath 0; Stranraer 0 Queens Park 0.

NORTHERN IRISH CUP FINAL: Glenrath 1 Linfield 1 (at The Oval, Belfast).

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	36	25	6	5	81	36	81
Manchester Ut	39	20	10	9	71	41	70
Tottenham	38	20	8	10	71	44	68
Liverpool	36	18	10	8	56	29	64
Southampton	39	18	10	11	53	44	64
Sheffield Wed	39	16	14	9	55	40	62
Arsenal	40	18	8	14	58	47	62
Notts	39	18	7	14	55	45	61
Chelsea	38	15	12	11	57	45	57
Aston Villa	40	15	11	14	59	57	56
West Bromwich	40	15	6	19	54	60	51
Newcastle	40	13	12	15	53	67	51
QPR	40	13	11	16	52	67	50
Watford	38	12	13	13	68	63	49
Leicester	40	14	6	20	63	69	48
Luton	37	12	9	16	50	58	45
Norwich	39	12	9	18	44	62	45
Ipswich	38	11	10	17	39	54	43
West Ham	36	10	12	14	43	59	42
Coventry	36	12	4	20	40	59	40
Sunderland	40	10	10	20	39	58	40
Stoke	38	3	8	27	22	79	17

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford	40	24	8	8	77	33	80
Birmingham	40	24	6	10	58	33	78
Manchester C	40	20	11	9	59	36	71
Portsmouth	40	18	14	8	64	49	68
Blackburn	40	19	10	11	60	40	67
Leeds	40	18	12	10	65	42	66
Brighton	40	18	12	10	49	32	66
Shrewsbury	40	18	11	11	66	50	65
Fulham	40	18	8	14	66	62	62
Grimsby	40	17	8	15	68	60	59
Barnsley	40	14	15	11	42	38	57
Wimbledon	40	15	9	16	69	74	54
Huddersfield	39	15	9	15	49	58	54
Carlisle	40	13	8	19	47	59	47
Oldham	40	13	8	19	42	64	47
Crystal Palace	40	11	12	17	43	63	45
Charlton	40	11	11	18	47	55	44
Sheffield Utd	39	10	13	16	51	60	43
Middlesbrough	40	9	9	22	39	57	36
Cardiff	40	9	8	23	46	74	35
Notts County	40	9	7	24	42	70	34
Wolves	40	7	9	24	35	75	30

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	44	27	9	8	75	45	90
Hull	44	25	12	7	77	45	87
Millwall	43	24	11	8	68	40	83
Bristol City	43	23	8	12	71	44	77
Gillingham	42	28	12	12	69	57	74
Bristol Rovers	43	20	11	12	60	42	71
Derby	44	18	12	14	61	52	66
Walsall	44	18	12	14	56	49	66
York	43	19	8	16	67	55	65
Rotherham	44	18	11	15	54	52	65
Bournemouth	43	18	10	15	53	44	64
Reading	42	18	10	14	64	57	64
Doncaster	44	17	7	20	70	71	58
Brentford	43	15	12	16	59	62	57
Plymouth	44	14	14	16	61	63	56
Wigan	42	13	13	16	51	55	52
Newport	43	13	12	17	54	60	52
Bolton	44	15	6	23	66	71	51
Lincoln	44	11	16	17	50	51	49
Orient	44	10	11	22	50	75	44
Bury	44	10	13	21	57	70	43
Preston	44	12	7	25	48	95	43
Swansea	43	11	9	23	49	77	42
Cambridge	44	3	9	32	34	92	18

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chesterfield	44	26	11	7	64	35	89
Bury	44	24	11	9	73	46	83
Blackpool	44	23	13	8	71	39	82
Darlington	43	22	12	9	60	46	78
Hereford	44	21	11	12	63	45	74
Colchester	44	19	14	11	81	61	71
Swindon	44	21	8	15	57	52	71
Scunthorpe	44	19	12	13	77	56	69
Tranmere	44	22	3	19	79	64	69
Crewe	44	18	11	15	62	63	65
Peterborough	44	16	12	16	53	52	60
Port Vale	44	13	17	14	55	54	56
Aldershot	43	16	8	19	51	61	56
Mansfield	44	12	18	14	39	36	54
Hartlepool	44	14	10	20	54	64	52
Wrexham	44	14	8	22	66	70	50
Chester	44	14	8	22	55	68	50
Exeter	44	12	14	18	55	77	50
Rochdale	41	12	11	18	50	60	47
Southend	44	12	11	21	47	87	47
Stockport	43	13	7	23	57	73	46
Northampton	45	13	5	27	51	74	44
Halifax	44	13	5	26	37	68	44
Torquay	43	9	14	20	38	59	41

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	35	26	5	4	87	25	57
Celtic	35	21	8	6	75	30	50
Dundee United	35	20	7	8	67	32	47
Rangers	35	13	12	10	47	37	38
St Mirren	35	16	4	15	46	36	36
Dundee	35	14	7	14	47	50	35
Hearts	35	13	5	17	45	59	31
Hibernian	35	9	7	19	37	61	25
Dumbarton	35	6	7	22	29	62	19
Morton	35	5	2	28	28	98	12

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Motherwell	38	21	7	10	62	36	49
Clydebank	38	17	13	8	57	37	47
Falkirk	38	19	6	13	65	54	44
Hamilton	38	16	10	12	47	48	42
Airdrieonians	38	16	8	14	66	58	40
Forfar	38	14	12	12	54	49	40
Ayr	38	15	9	14	56	49	39
Clyde	38	14	11	13	45	45	39
Brechin	38	14	8	16	49	57	36
East Fife	38	12	11	15	55	56	35
Partick	38	13	8	17	49	54	34
Kilmarnock	38	12	10	16	41	57	34
Meadowbank	38	10	10	18	47	65	30
St Johnstone	38	9	5	24	48	76	23